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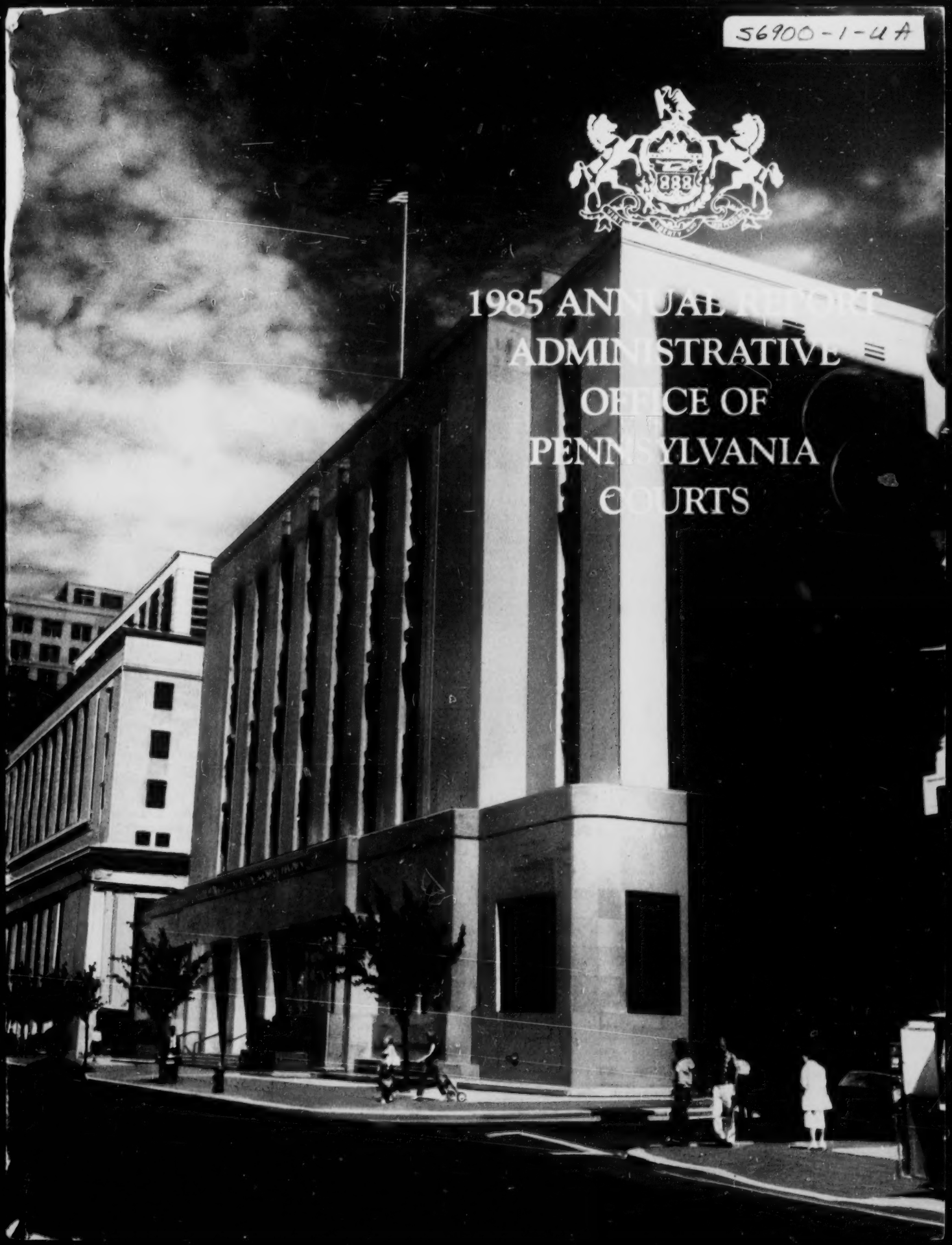

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The Robert N.C. Nix, Sr., Federal Building is located on Ninth Street between Market and Chestnut Streets in Philadelphia. The six story U-shaped building contains 226,643 square feet of occupiable office space.

The building is a fine example of the Art Deco style designed in 1932-33 by Harry Sternfeld in association with the Ballinger Company. Construction was completed in 1939. It is well located in downtown Philadelphia, and is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Federal Courts and related agencies occupied the building from 1940 to 1975. Since 1980, the Pennsylvania Superior and Commonwealth Courts have utilized the building for chambers, courtrooms, offices and meeting rooms under an outlease arrangement.

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FOREWORD FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE

The coming year, 1987, will be an exciting year for The Law. Because, this coming year, we celebrate the 200th birthday of the United States Constitution, that precious document from which we, as Americans, draw our freedom and from which we, as jurists and lawyers, operate.

Pennsylvania will be the national focus of the celebration, and the Commonwealth's judges, lawyers and citizens will be prominent players in the birthday party. As we celebrate, however, the work of the administration of justice continues.

We have come a long way since 1787. I believe the framers of the Constitution would be proud of the strides we have made in developing the law and our court system.

As we begin this important year, I am especially proud to report on the further advances we have made. In this report, we present statistics and data collected in 1985.

When I first took office as Chief Justice, the dark clouds of distrust, discord and disharmony hung heavily over our legal system. Nevertheless, I saw the promise of the moment. From earlier mistakes it was evident that we had the potential to be one of the leaders in the continuing development of American jurisprudence. My mother said that a mistake is only fatal when we fail to learn the lesson it teaches.

We had made mistakes, the lessons to be learned were graphically apparent and we were in the position of seizing upon that moment to transform failure into unprecedented accomplishments.

We set as a goal a fair, effective, efficient system dedicated to dispensing equal justice to all, and we identified certain priorities: excellence, accountability, accessibility and efficiency. In the past year, we have made great progress in meeting those priorities and achieving our underlying goal.

For Judicial Excellence

You need only walk into any one of the Commonwealth's courtrooms to recognize that Pennsylvania has some of the finest jurists in the nation. It is vital that we maintain and ever try to surpass that level of excellence. For that reason, I appointed the Committee on Comprehensive Education.

The Committee sponsored an intensive two-week training program for new judges at the Villanova University Law School. The course of study focused on the conduct of a criminal trial. In addition, particular emphasis was placed on judicial ethics. Guest speakers and lecturers of national prominence were featured. A spirit of comraderie reigned and, from the glowing reports received at the conclusion of the program, it was clear that the participants had gained invaluable knowledge and awareness to guide them as they assumed their judicial duties. Hopefully, we will offer such seminars on a regular basis.

Then, in June 1986, the Committee on Comprehensive Education held a two-day seminar. There, constitutional scholar and University of Chicago Law School Professor Paul Bator spoke about judicial education; the Honorable Edmund V. Ludwig, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, spoke about judicial education in the federal system and John E. Murray, former Dean of the Villanova University School of Law, presented a working paper concerning the structure of judicial education for the Commonwealth.

However, the degree of excellence we seek can only be obtained through a comprehensive and continuing program of judicial education. We cannot settle for utilizing existing national programs to fulfill our educational mandate. Our state's complement of judges is too vast. We must train hundreds of judges as well as the district justices. It is clear that a resident program of judicial and related education must be established here in Pennsylvania. It is my hope that a Judicial Educational Center can be constructed, preferably in the Harrisburg area, which would be a role model for other jurisdictions.

We must never retreat from our priority of judicial excellence.

An Open and Accountable System

One of the first promises I made to the people of Pennsylvania was that the judicial branch would establish and maintain a sound and open fiscal policy. That promise was sincerely made, and it has been kept.

The Judicial Auditing Agency was established to review the results of the audits of all judicial funds appropriated. The Agency hires one of the "Big Eight" accounting firms, as does the legislature, to produce a thorough and complete audit of all appropriated funds. In addition, we regularly provide the House and Senate Appropriations Committees with both computer printouts and computer tapes of expenditures by categories for every appropriation. We likewise provide, on a monthly basis, a list of personnel on the state payroll for all state courts.

Moreover, we no longer carry unencumbered funds beyond the fiscal year; we have no reserves. When I became Chief Justice of this Commonwealth, we directed all state courts to deposit augmentation funds into the general treasury on a monthly basis. Thus, every penny we receive is accounted for and is subject to public scrutiny.

Our books are available. Our doors are open.

An Efficient Judicial System

A top priority has been court automation. In some ways the technology of the courts has not progressed much beyond the pen and ink of 1787. We must ready the courts for the twenty-first century; and we are doing so. The Statewide Committee on Court Automation, chaired by Mr. Justice Stephen Zappala, has launched an ambitious plan to coordinate the use and growth of computerization by all the courts of the Commonwealth. A contract has been awarded to the nationally respected Maximus firm to establish a comprehensive computerization plan.

The study will run some twelve months and our plan of action will be detailed and cover a time frame of approximately five to ten years—a recognition of the fact that we cannot change the world or even a small part of it overnight. We intend to grow gradually, economically and appropriately, bringing those particular operations and pieces of information on line as quickly as feasible without threatening the stability of existing segments. We have seen the future, and it is ours.

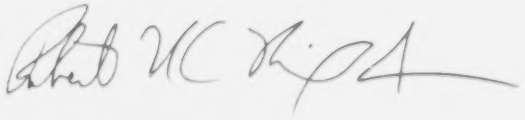
Effectiveness also requires an ability to respond to change and react to problems and criticism. We are an active system. We are problem solvers, not satisfied with merely maintaining the status quo. We have been responsive to the problems confronting the judiciary as reported by judges themselves, the legislature, the bar, the press and the citizens.

For example, recognizing an urgent backlog and credibility problem in the Philadelphia courts, we issued an order appointing administrative judges and defined with particularity their duties and responsibilities. We are confident that this delineation of authority will result in a more efficient operation of that Court. Further, we have overseen the streamlining of the Philadelphia Traffic Court. The Traffic Court project dates back to January 1985 when I appointed a committee to study the workings of the court, chaired by Roger S. Hillas, Chairman of the Board and President of the Provident National Bank. A Long-Range Planning Sub-Committee examined the traffic court systems in other jurisdictions and recommended the decriminalization of traffic matters and that the fiscal administration of traffic fines and costs be relegated to the executive branch, as well as other reforms.

The result is an evolving, efficient, effective court system, fully able to perform its mission consistent with the highest legal and ethical traditions.

A Celebration of Justice

Thus, this is an exciting time. Just as we celebrate the ideals of the Constitution, we work to refine the system which puts those ideals into practice. While the coming year will be one of special jubilation, we celebrate the Constitution every time a court crier brings a court into session, every time a judge bangs his gavel, every time a jury comes in with its verdict. The system about which we report in this annual report allows that celebration to take place day in and day out.



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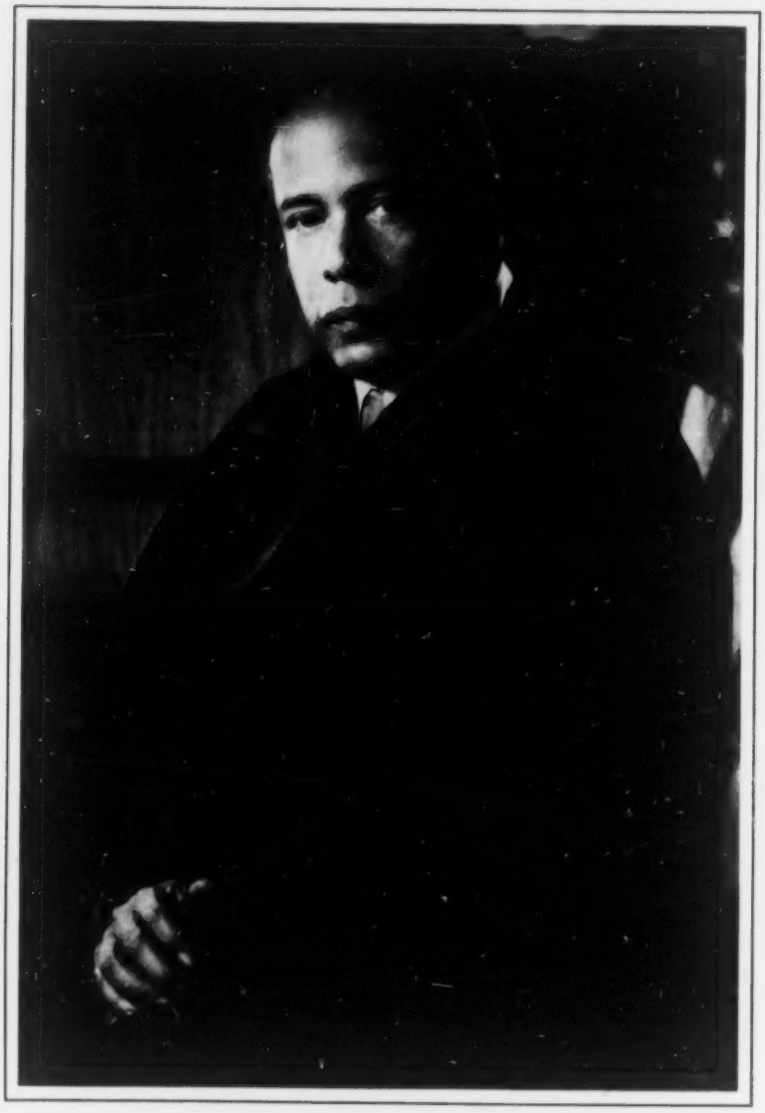

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PREFACE FROM THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts for calendar year 1985.

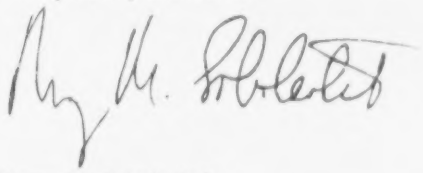
The statistical information presented in this report differs in content and format from earlier years. A new statistical reporting system was implemented in 1985, the first major revision to our data collection program since the inception of the Administrative Office in 1969. In addition to refining the definitions of case types, data are now reported on the age and status of pending criminal and civil cases, and on the contribution of non-judicial officers (e.g., hearing officers, masters) to case processing in the 60 courts of common pleas.

Effective management decisions depend on relevant, timely and accurate information. The new statistical system should, therefore, prove a valuable tool in our continuing efforts to improve the administration of justice in Pennsylvania. But issues of data transmission, accuracy and comparability across jurisdictions still remain. The Statewide Steering Committee on Court Automation, chaired by Mr. Justice Stephen A. Zappala, is developing long-term plans to automate the record keeping systems of the Pennsylvania courts. Thus we may look forward to the day when the manual, and to a degree archaic, data collection and transmission systems currently in place will give way to a modern, uniform "paperless" system.

To address the problems of accuracy and comparability, the Chief Justice is establishing a Committee on Uniform Statistics and has asked the Administrative Office to work with this Committee to ensure that case management information is at once reliable and consistent, providing a sound basis for policy analysis and decision-making. The programs and policies of the judicial branch cannot afford to rely on untested assumptions or rough estimates.

The citizens of our Commonwealth are entitled to a judicial system of the highest standards. With the dedication and assistance of all members of the unified judicial system of Pennsylvania, we are certain to realize this challenging and fundamental ideal.

Respectfully submitted,



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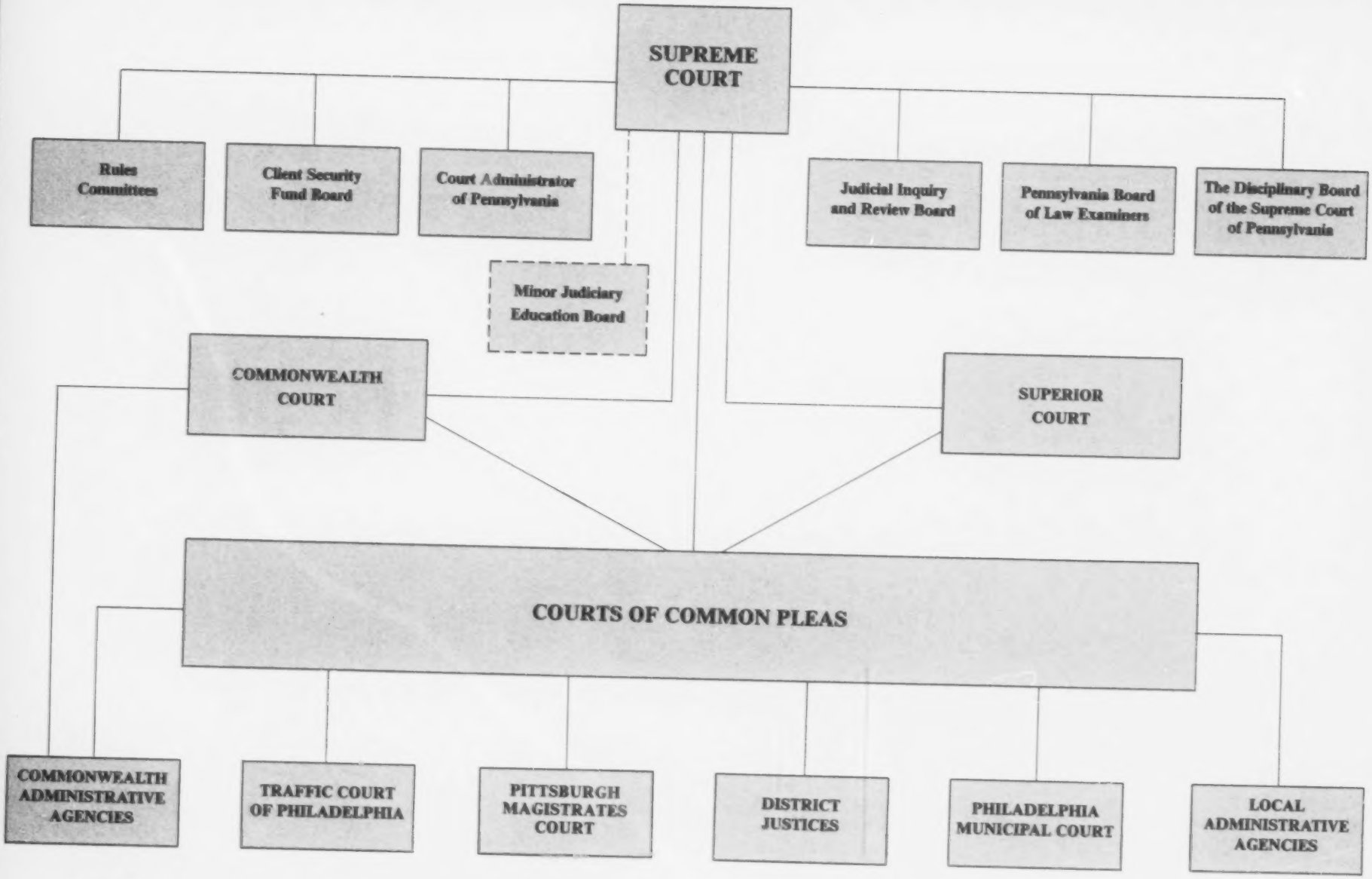


COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM As of December 31, 1985.

OVERVIEW OF THE PENNSYLVANIA JUDICIAL SYSTEM

A Brief History of the Courts of Pennsylvania*

Prior to the State Constitution of 1776, there existed in Pennsylvania a collection of courts, some inherited from the rule of the Duke of York (1664 to 1673), some established by William Penn, and some—such as the Pennsylvania Supreme Court—created by Pennsylvania's Provincial Assembly. Although attempts were made from time to time to create a unified system which would define and organize the powers and jurisdiction of the several courts, these attempts were often nullified in England. It was not until the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776, which established courts of sessions, courts of common pleas and orphans' courts in each county, that Pennsylvania saw the beginning of a statewide framework for the development of its judicial system.

The Constitution of 1790 furthered this development, grouping the counties into judicial districts and providing president judges for the common pleas courts in those districts to ease the burden of the Supreme Court. While the Constitutions of 1838 and 1874 effected changes in the jurisdiction, tenure and election or appointment of members of the judiciary, the basic structure created by the Constitution of 1790 remained essentially unchanged. The Constitution of 1968, however, initiated many judicial reforms and reorganized the judiciary into a Unified Judicial System consisting of the Supreme, Superior and Commonwealth Courts, Courts of Common Pleas, Philadelphia Municipal Court, Pittsburgh Magistrates Court, Traffic Court of Philadelphia, Justices of the Peace (now called District Justices) and "such other courts as may be provided by law."

Thus the stage was set for coordinated management by the Supreme Court of all courts as a part of a single, integrated system. In 1981, with the support of the Legislature and approval of the electorate, the jurisdiction of the Superior Court was expanded resulting in a corresponding decrease in the mandated jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. Consequently, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, like the United States Supreme Court, can now exercise discretion in accepting or rejecting most appeals, allowing it to devote greater attention to cases of far-reaching impact, as well as to its constitutional obligation to superintend the entire judicial system.

Special Courts

At the first level in the court system are the special courts. In counties other than Philadelphia, these courts are presided over by district justices, formerly known as justices of the peace. District justices have jurisdiction over summary criminal cases, landlord-tenant matters and other civil actions where the amount claimed does not exceed $4,000. They may also accept guilty pleas of misdemeanors of the third degree under certain circumstances. District justices also have jurisdiction to issue warrants and to hold arraignments and preliminary hearings in all criminal cases.

Although district justices need not be lawyers, they must complete an educational course and pass a qualifying examination before taking office. They also must participate in one week of continuing education each year.

In Philadelphia, the special courts are the Municipal Court and the Traffic Court. Municipal Court is the only special court of Pennsylvania which is a court of record. It has 22 judges, who must be lawyers, and has jurisdiction over all criminal offenses—other than summary traffic offenses—which are punishable by a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years. Otherwise, the Municipal Court has the same jurisdiction as the district justices except for civil actions, where the amount claimed may not exceed $1,000.

The Philadelphia Traffic Court is composed of six judges who need not be lawyers but must complete a course and pass a qualifying examination. Its jurisdiction covers all summary offenses under the Motor Vehicle Code and related city ordinances.

*Source: *The Pennsylvania Manual*

The City of Pittsburgh has six police magistrates in addition to the county district justices. These magistrates, who need not be lawyers, may issue arrest warrants and preside at arraignments and preliminary hearings for all criminal offenses occurring within the city. They also have jurisdiction over criminal cases brought by the city police for violations of city ordinances and other specified offenses. The police magistrates also sit on the Pittsburgh Traffic Court, which has the same jurisdiction as the Philadelphia Traffic Court.

There are no jury trials in the special courts. However, appeals from special court judgments may be taken to the county Common Pleas Court where the case is heard de novo.

Common Pleas Courts

The Common Pleas Courts are the courts of general trial jurisdiction. They have original jurisdiction over all cases which are not exclusively assigned to another court. There is one Common Pleas Court for each of 60 judicial districts in the state and 329 authorized Common Pleas judges. These districts generally coincide geographically with the counties, although seven of the districts are comprised of two counties.

Appellate Court System

There are two levels of appellate courts in Pennsylvania. The first consists of the intermediate appellate courts: the Superior Court with 15 judges and the Commonwealth Court with nine. Above these is the Supreme Court which has seven justices and is the Commonwealth's court of last resort. It is the oldest appellate court in the nation and predated the U.S. Supreme Court by 67 years.

In general, appeals from the Common Pleas courts are taken to one of the two intermediate appellate courts. Commonwealth Court basically has jurisdiction over appeals involving government agencies and officials, as well as any matter involving not-for-profit corporations. It also has original jurisdiction over many cases in which state officials are parties.

Superior Court has jurisdiction over all direct appeals which are not within the specific statutory jurisdiction of another appellate court.

Judges: Qualifications, Election, Tenure, Vacancies

In addition to certain basic requirements such as citizenship and residency, judges are subject to strict standards of conduct and may be removed, suspended or otherwise disciplined for misconduct in office. All Supreme Court justices and judges within the system are elected to 10-year terms, with the exception of judges of Philadelphia's Municipal and Traffic Courts and District Justices who are elected to terms of six years, and judges of Pittsburgh Magistrates Court, who are appointed to four-year terms by the mayor. Vacancies may be filled by gubernatorial appointment subject to Senate confirmation until such time as the vacancy is filled by election.

The "merit retention" provision allows justices of the Supreme Court and judges to run for reelection on a "yes-no" vote, without ballot reference to political affiliation. This provision was designed to remove them from the pressures of the political arena once they serve their first term of office.

Mandatory retirement age for judges is 70 years, although retired judges may continue to serve with the approval of the Supreme Court as senior judges to ease court backlogs.

Chief Justice and President Judges

The Chief Justice of Pennsylvania and the president judges of all other courts of seven or fewer judges are those judges in longest continuous service. The one exception to this is the president judge of the Philadelphia Traffic Court who is appointed by the Governor. In courts of eight of more judges, the judges select from their ranks a president judge, who serves in that capacity for five years.

AOPC

Wide ranging responsibility for this System falls to the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC). As part of its supervisory, administrative and long-range planning duties, the AOPC:

- Reviews practices, procedures and efficiency of the System.
- Develops recommendations for the Supreme Court regarding improvements of the System.
- Represents the Judicial System before legislative bodies.
- Examines administrative and business methods.
- Collects statistical data.
- Publishes an annual report.
- Examines the state of the dockets and makes recommendations for the expedition of litigation.
- Manages fiscal affairs like budget preparation, approval of disbursements, procures goods and services.
- Supervises all administrative matters relating to offices engaged in clerical functions.
- Maintains personnel records.
- Conducts education programs for personnel of the System.
- Receives comments and complaints from the public.
- Provides legal services to System personnel.

ACTIVITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PENNSYLVANIA COURTS

The Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts is responsible for the "prompt and proper disposition of the business of the courts." Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 505 details the powers and duties of the office. The functions are carried out through the central office located in Philadelphia and the Fiscal Office located in Harrisburg.

Administrative Services

The Administrative Division of the AOPC is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the office, generally. This unit provides operational support and services to other departments, enabling them to function with a minimum of disruption. Such services include the purchasing of furniture, equipment, goods and supplies, expense accounting, and processing reimbursements and other expenditures.

All expense accounting functions are interfaced with the Fiscal Office of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts to ensure accuracy and to meet the requirements of the automated accounting system, as established by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the Treasury Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the guidelines provided by outside accounting consultants.

Additionally, this division is responsible for maintaining current mailing lists of judges—appellate and courts of common pleas (including those retired and presently active), district justices, judicial committees, and other personnel related to the Judiciary.

It receives and dockets certified copies of all local rules adopted by the counties and agencies of the judicial system, pursuant to Pa. R.J.A. 103(c), handles the distribution thereof and filing, so they are available for public inspection.

The correspondence and inquiries concerning the attorney registration function are handled by the Administrative Division, as well. This requires working closely with the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court concerning forms, budgets, and expenditures.

The Philadelphia Office handles the initial processing of appointments, separations, merit increases, and other personnel actions, integrating with the Payroll Division of the AOPC located in the Harrisburg Fiscal Office. The payroll for the statewide judicial system, totaling approximately 1,450 employees, is handled by the Fiscal Office.

The Fiscal Office monitors and processes through Treasury all claims for reimbursement received from all judicial agencies. The Fiscal Office prepares cost projections and budget requests for the system for submission to the Supreme Court for approval.

The Retirement and Benefits Division is also located in the Fiscal Office. It is responsible for the administration of the retirement and benefits programs which are offered to personnel of the Judiciary. These include medical insurance, life insurance, unemployment and workmen's compensation programs. The Department also counsels personnel concerning retirement planning and the development of appropriate retirement plans based on individual needs. Retirement projection packages average about 225 per year.

Special Courts

The Special Courts Department, comprised of a director, a special courts administrator, a special courts representative and a judicial educational officer, provided services for 543 district justices in Pennsylvania. The services were broad ranged: statistical computation, fiscal development, education, assistance in the oversight of magisterial district realignments, liaison to committees of the Supreme Court, and provision of resources to district justices and district justice court administrators.

The fines and costs collected by the district justice system and reported to the AOPC were collated and computerized for dissemination throughout the system (See page 116, Table 28).

District justice office procedures were monitored for compliance with the official District Justice Office Procedures Manual.

Regional educational efforts included training sessions for district justice court administrators relating to Act 1984-218 for the $20 a day compensation for additional duties of district justices.

The Supreme Court's magisterial district realignment process was aided through compilation and preliminary interpretation of demographic, geographic and case filing statistics. In addition to giving assistance to district justices and district justice court administrators, staff served as liaison to the Minor Court Civil Procedural Rules Committee and related to the Criminal Procedural Rules Committee.

Research and Planning Activities

In 1985, the Administrative Office began implementation of a new statewide caseload statistical system. Preparatory work had begun in 1983 with the formation of the Committee on Judicial Statistics. The Committee served in an advisory capacity, offering much valued suggestions in the design of the new statisticial forms, the preparation of the Pennsylvania Court Statistics Manual, and the planning of the Regional Training Seminars.

The AOPC Research and Planning staff has written an extensive network of computer programs for entering, correcting, and analyzing the submitted data. In addition, periodic audits of county dockets are performed to ensure accuracy and uniformity in the reports.

The staff responds to research inquiries of the Supreme Court, the General Assembly (e.g., the need for additional trial court judgeships), and from personnel at all levels of the court system as well as court study groups. The Department prepares numerous reports on the state of the dockets, a summary of which appears in the Annual Report of the AOPC.

Technical assistance to the local courts is another function of Research and Planning. This assistance ranges from helping trial courts reduce jury problems such as excess idle time and juror fees to assisting trial courts in managing the flow of cases.

Within the Research and Planning Department, the Docket Transcript Unit receives, reviews, and corrects all forms reporting criminal case information. The predominant form is the docket transcript which is prepared for each misdemeanor, felony, or escalating summary case filed in the Commonwealth. In 1985, over 250,000 forms were received and processed by the Unit.

Data on completed cases, those for which a completed report has been filed by both the District Justice and the Clerk of Court, are transmitted monthly to the Pennsylvania State Police, which, in turn, use the data to compile individual criminal history reports, commonly known as "rap sheets." The Administrative Office, as well as other state agencies, use docket transcript data for statistical research.

Legal Services Provided

The department entered appearances and represented personnel of the unified judicial system in 157 cases in which the complaints were filed in 1985; and continued representation in other matters in which the complaints were filed in previous years, but have not yet been resolved.

Approximately 72 of the 157 new cases, brought for the most part in federal courts, involved as the predominant issues matters of constitutional law and federal civil rights. Twenty-nine were petitions for review of a governmental determination. Nine cases were manifestations of state intergovernmental conflict. Five suits were brought for wrongful discharge—two for sex discrimination and one for age discrimination.

In addition, 30 miscellaneous cases which did not inevitably require the entry of an appearance were investigated.

The increase in wrongful-discharge cases is attributable, in part, to the nationwide trend of re-examination of the "at will" doctrine of employment.

Many of the petitions for review are efforts to accelerate dispositions of underlying cases between private parties, or to resolve an interlocutory matter not then appealable. Other such petitions involve such matters as the financing of governmental functions and the rights and duties of public officials.

It is expected that the federal-to-state forum ratio will change as a result of further clarification and application of *Parratt v. Taylor,* a case in which the United States Supreme Court held that the due process clause is not implicated by a negligent act of an official causing unintended loss of or injury to life, liberty, or property, provided the state provides a post-deprivation remedy.

Data Processing

The Statewide Steering Committee on Court Automation was established in 1984 by the Chief Justice with Mr. Justice Stephen A. Zappala serving as Chair. The Committee is charged with the responsibility of bringing, in terms of technology, the Pennsylvania judiciary into the 21st century. The long term goal of this department is to service the Committee in its efforts to develop a statewide information system.

The Administrative Office, at the direction of the Committee, issued a request for proposal to select a vendor to develop a comprehensive master plan to implement a statewide court information system. The Committee reviewed vendor proposals submitted as a result of the proposal request and has selected a consultant, MAXIMUS, of McLean, Virginia. The needs assessment study and master plan will require about 12 months to prepare.

The computer department expects to be working over the next three to five years in developing and implementing this important project.

ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Judicial System is indebted to the many judges, lawyers, and lay persons throughout the Commonwealth who contribute their expertise and viewpoints through their services and participation on various advisory committees and boards. Their participation provides a broad and diversified input, which assures that our judicial system will respond appropriately to the needs of society.

Minor Judiciary Education Board

Honorable Julia Ann Rozum, Chairperson, Honorable Paul A. Simmons, Vice-Chairperson, Honorable Donald O. Riehl, Secretary, Honorable Michael J. Conroy, Jr., Treasurer, William J. Campbell, Donald S. Guthrie, Esquire, Honorable Charles R. Wise

During the 1984-1985 school year, the Minor Judiciary Education Board conducted two certifying courses of instruction for prospective district justices. The certifying course of instruction is conducted over a 4-week period and consists of approximately 140 hours of classroom instruction. The general subject areas covered during the four weeks include Civil Law and Civil Procedures, Criminal Law and Criminal Procedures, Judicial Ethics, Rules of Evidence, Judicial Procedure and Administration, Motor Vehicle Law, Human Behavior, Arrest, Search and Seizure, and PA Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act. It is the goal of the certifying course of instruction to educate prospective district justices in the basic judicial and legal skills necessary to meet the responsibilities of being a district justice.

There was a total of 77 individuals who participated in the 4-week course of instruction during the 1984-1985 school year. Of this total, 52 individuals passed the certifying examination. There was a total of 25 individuals who failed the course of instruction and were not certified.

In addition to the certifying course of instruction for district justices, the Board also conducted 12 continuing education courses for district justices currently in office. As the continuing education course of instruction is mandatory, all district justices required to attend continuing education completed the course. This program was also available to court administrators and senior district justices.

The Minor Judiciary Education Board conducted one two-week certifying course for prospective Philadelphia Bail Commissioners. There was a total of 42 participants enrolled in Philadelphia Bail Commissioners certifying course. Of the 42 participants in the class, 30 individuals passed the certifying examination and 12 participants failed the examination. During the 1985-1986 school year the Minor Judiciary Education Board will also be conducting a mandatory continuing course for those Philadelphia Bail Commissioners currently in office.

The Minor Judiciary Education Board has assisted the District Court Administrators of Pennsylvania and the Special Court Administrators of Pennsylvania in conducting a training seminar for each group. The Board provided housing and classroom facilities to make the training possible, and provided the assistance of the Board's Executive Director to help in planning the training seminars.

District Court Administrators conducted a seminar for 14 new Court Administrators at the Board's Chambersburg facility and the Special Court Administrators conducted a seminar for 45 Special Courts Administrators in Pittsburgh.

The Minor Judiciary Education Board uses an evaluation questionnaire for all of its training seminars. The evaluation measures each instructor's presentation, course content, facilities provided, and an evaluation of the training. The scale of the evaluation form includes Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair and Poor. The following is a summary of the overall evaluations for each of the training seminars conducted by the Board.

District Justice Certifying Course of Instruction	(Excellent)
District Justice Continuing Education	(Very Good)
Phila. Bail Commissioner Certifying Course of Instruction	(Very Good)
Special Court Administrators Seminar	(Very Good)

The Minor Judiciary Education Board conducted all of the aforementioned educational programs and assisted in the Court Administrators' training seminars with a staff consisting of one secretary and an Executive Director. The Board employs ten part-time instructors.

Judicial Auditing Agency

Honorable Michael J. O'Malley, Honorable James C. Crumlish, Honorable James R. Cavanaugh, Honorable Edward J. Bradley, Lewis W. Vaughn, Jr., C.P.A.

Pursant to 42 Pa. C.S.A. Section 3529, it is the duty of the Judicial Auditing Agency to retain a certified public accountant to audit the financial affairs of the Unified Judicial System. In 1985, the Judicial Auditing Agency reviewed and accepted the FY 84-85 audit reports of the Judicial Branch prepared by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co.

Orphans' Court Rules Committee

Honorable Edmund S. Pawelec, Chairman, Honorable James B. Dwyer, Vice Chairman, Honorable George C. Eppinger, Honorable Paul R. Zavarella, Norman H. Brown, Esquire, William McC. Houston, Esquire, M. Paul Smith, Esquire

The Committee received several requests for interpretations of Rule 6.12 from various attorneys. It was the consensus of the Committee that it would be inappropriate to issue advisory opinions in response to such requests. Accordingly, we declined to do so and advised counsel of this.

The Pennsylvania Bar Association approved a resolution presented by its Real Property, Probate and Trust Section recommending the adoption of a new Rule 6.13 as an alternative to the status report required by Rule 6.12. Unfortunately, although the resolution was forwarded to the Chief Justice in May of 1985, our Committee did not receive a copy of it until the latter part of 1985. As a result, we did not have an opportunity to take any action on it. It is on our agenda for consideration in 1986.

The Committee also received a request from a District Justice to enact a Rule which would require the applicants for a marriage license to submit photographs at the time of application. The purpose of this proposal was to insure that the person performing the marriage would be certain that the correct parties were before him or her. Apparently this request was engendered by an incident in which the parties who appeared for the ceremony were not the parties who applied for the license. One of the Committee members thoroughly researched the legality and practicality of this proposal and submitted a report to the Committee. The Committee decided against proposing such a Rule since it would be expensive and burdensome to put into operation and there was some doubt about its effectiveness.

Client Security Fund Board

Arthur R. Littleton, Esquire, Chairman; Dean John J. Sciullo, Esquire, Vice-Chairman; Paula Geen Bregman, Esquire; Dean Janet S. Dickerson; Harold S. Irwin, Jr., Esquire; Treasurer, Joseph P. Scottino, Ph.D.; Walter F. Baczkowski, Esquire; Nancy S. Kiniry, Administrator.

The Board administers the Pennsylvania Client Security Fund which was established by the Supreme Court in 1982 to reimburse clients up to $25,000 for money and/or property which had been stolen from them by their attorneys. Each attorney licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania was assessed $40 to finance the program.

Payments of $321,638 were awarded in 1985 to 60 claimants. The Board rejected 37 claims involving a total of $112,843 and 10 claims for $13,950 were discontinued. There remained 60 claims pending with an award potential of $418,974 at the end of the 1985 calendar year. The administrative costs of the Board were fully covered by the investment income and the reimbursements paid by some defalcating attorneys.

The cumulative total of claims paid for all years amounts to $2,107,163 which was paid to 369 claimants through 1985. During the same period of time, 90 of 233 lawyers accused of theft or conversions have been exonerated of any wrong doing.

The financial records of the Pennsylvania Client Security Fund are audited at the end of the March 31 fiscal year by the auditing firm of KMG Main Hurdman. The Board had $3,465,851 at the end of 1985.

In 1985, the Pennsylvania Client Security Fund Board continued with its efforts to bring the existence of the Fund to the attention of all possible claimants. In this regard, brochures were distributed throughout the Commonwealth.

Minor Court Civil Procedural Rules Committee

Robert W. Lentz, Esquire, Chairman; Honorable Frank T. Hazel; Honorable Bernard J. Regan; Gilbert G. Ackroyd, Esquire; David R. Gold, Esquire; Kenneth P. Christman, Esquire; J. Elvin Kraybill, Esquire; James G. Morgan, Esquire; Edward E. Russell, Esquire; Nancy Mulloy, Secretary-Reporter; Almanina Barbour, Esquire, Liaison with the Court Administrator.

In addition to a rule permitting corporations to represent themselves without the necessity of counsel before the district justice which was adopted by the Supreme Court limiting such representation to officers or directors of the corporation, the Committee has done additional work on the rule whereby there would be no appeal as of right where a defendant failed to appear for a hearing before the district justice. This rule has not yet been acted upon by the Supreme Court.

Committee for Standard Jury Instructions

George J. Barco, Esquire, Chairman; James E. Beasley, Esquire, Chairman, Civil Instructions Subcommittee; The Honorable Loran L. Lewis, Chairman, Criminal Instructions Subcommittee; The Honorable Robert L. Walker, Chairman, Socio-Legal Subcommittee; Perry S. Bechtle, Esquire; The Honorable James R. Cavanaugh; The Honorable John C. Dowling; Howard Gittis, Esquire; Joseph G. Feldman, Esquire; William H. Lamb, Esquire; James Lewis Griffith, Esquire; The Honorable James T. McDermott; The Honorable Abraham H. Lipez; The Honorable John N. Sawyer; Lee Carter Swartz, Esquire; The Honorable Samuel Strauss; Professor Arthur A. Murphy; The Honorable Robert L. Walker; Joseph J. O'Mara, Ph.D.; Gilbert G. Ackroyd, Esquire; Roger B. Meilton, Esquire.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court Committee for Proposed Standard Jury Instructions was first appointed by the Supreme Court in 1968 to draft pattern jury instructions as a guide to the courts and counsel in civil and criminal trials in Pennsylvania. After twelve years and thousands of hours of work, the instructions were ready for publication. The Suggested Standard Criminal Jury Instructions were published in 1980 and the Suggested Standard Civil Jury Instructions were published one year later. The Committee has continued to monitor developments in the case and statutory law and has revised the instructions as required by these changes.

In 1984, the Civil Instructions Subcommittee published the first supplement to the Civil Jury Instructions. During 1985, the Committee's Reporter researched and prepared new points for charge. Following approval by the Subcommittee, these new instructions will be published in the second supplement to the Civil Instructions.

The fourth supplement to the Criminal Jury Instructions was published in 1985. Research work

under the direction of the Reporter to the Subcommittee continues on updating the Criminal Instructions.

Professor Arthur A. Murphy serves as Reporter to the Criminal Instructions Subcommittee. The Reporter to the Civil Instructions Subcommittee is Lee C. Swartz. The Reporters are continuously engaged in reviewing and revising the published instructions. The comments of members of the bench and bar are encouraged and are most helpful in this regard.

Judicial Inquiry and Review Board (JIRB)

Honorable James E. Rowley, Chairman; Honorable Joseph F. McCloskey, Vice Chairman; Honorable Stephen J. McEwen, Jr.; Honorable Alex Bonavitacola; Honorable Eunice L. Ross; Honorable Bruce W. Kauffman; James H. Higgins.

The year ending December 31, 1985, was a significant year for judicial discipline in Pennsylvania. The year saw the appointment of three new members of the Board and the retirement of one member. The Judicial Inquiry and Review Board enters 1986 ready to respond to public demands for higher standards of judicial ethics and accountability.

The Constitution of Pennsylvania, at Article 5, Sections 17 and 18, and the Pennsylvania Judicial Code, at 42 Pa.C.S.A. Sections 2101, et seq. and 3331, et seq. mandate the Judicial Inquiry and Review Board to receive complaints and investigate same. The Judicial Inquiry and Review Board addressed its mission of upholding public confidence in the Judiciary by adjudicating more than 300 complaints in 1985.

The Board is restricted to the consideration of allegations of impropriety filed against members of the Judiciary. The Code of Judicial Conduct promulgated by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1973 and the Rules Governing Standards of Conduct of District Justices, promulgated by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1969, are the fundamental standards against which actions by the Judiciary are evaluated. The Board's jurisdiction is limited to Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Superior Court, the Commonwealth Court and the Courts of Common Pleas, the Philadelphia Municipal Court, Philadelphia Traffic Court; Magistrates of the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court; and District Justices.

Discretionary rulings, which are properly issued for the appellate courts, do not fall within the scope of the Board's review. Due to the restricted jurisdiction of the Board, the majority of the complaints filed were dismissed on one or more of the following grounds: lack of jurisdiction; insufficient evidence; or proper exercise of judicial discretion.

Any citizen may file a complaint. Additionally, the Board may file complaints on its own motion based on information in the public domain. Each complaint is evaluated by staff counsel to determine if the Board has jurisdiction and whether the allegations, if true, would constitute a discretionary ruling or a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct. If the allegations would constitute a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, a preliminary investigation is conducted by staff investigators. The Executive Director preliminarily reviews the investigative reports. The reports are then submitted to the Board at which time the Board may decide to dismiss the complaint, issue a formal admonishment, conduct a preliminary investigatory hearing or proceed directly with a notice of formal proceedings.

During 1985, the Judicial Inquiry and Review Board increased its use of preliminary investigatory panels. The preliminary investigatory panel, consisting of two members of the Board, acts as a grand jury. Hearings are conducted by staff counsel or specially appointed counsel. Members of the panel may ask additional questions. The member of the Judiciary being investigated has the right to attend the hearing, and be accompanied by counsel. Upon completion of the hearing, the special investigatory panel makes a report to the Board. The Board may then choose to dismiss the complaint, issue

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Judicial Inquiry and Review Board

1985 Statistical Review

Table 1

	Non-Judicial	Judge	District Justice	Total
Cases Pending 12/31/84	0	21	14	35
Complaints Received in 1985	15	203	117	335
Total Case Load in 1985	15	224	131	370
Dispositions in 1985				
Rejected as frivolous or unfounded	2	39	25	66
Rejected as being matters for appeal	3	56	15	74
Rejected as not within board's jurisdiction	8	6	3	17
Investigated and dismissed (No evidence of misconduct)	2	67	39	108
Closed during investigation with reprimand, admonition or by compliance	0	7	17	24
Closed—resigned after formal charges & hearing	0	0	1	1
Closed—died during investigation	0	1	0	1
Disposition by Supreme Court				
Closed—interim suspension lifted after dismissal of criminal charges			1	1
Totals	15	176	101	292
Pending as of 12/31/85	0	48	30	78

NOTE: 310 complaints were received in 1984.

a formal admonishment or institute formal charges. If formal charges are instituted, the Board convenes a three-member hearing panel, no member of which had served on the preliminary investigatory panel. The accused member of the Judiciary is given a full trial, with the rights to be present, to be represented by counsel, to confront witnesses and to present witnesses and evidence in his or her own behalf. At the conclusion of the trial, the hearing panel make a report to the Board. The full Board convenes for the consideration of briefs and oral argument. Upon considering the entire record, the Board may decide to dismiss the complaint, issue a formal admonishment or certify the complaint to the Supreme Court with a recommendation for disciplinary action. All proceedings before the Board are confidential as required by the Constitution of Pennsylvania at Article 5, Section 18(h) and the Pennsylvania Judicial Code at 42 Pa. C.S.A. Section 3334. Upon the certification of the case to the Supreme Court, the cloak of confidentiality is lifted and the pleadings and the transcripts of the hearing and documents become part of the public record.

The Supreme Court conducts a full review of the record, may within its discretion receive additional evidence and consider briefs and hear oral argument. At the conclusion of its deliberations, the Supreme Court renders its decision, which may be removal, suspension, or such lesser penalty as the Supreme Court may decide.

The year 1985 saw the conclusion of a three-year proceeding against a judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

During 1985, the Board continued its efforts to clarify the meaning of the confidentiality provisions contained in the Pennsylvania Constitution in the matter of *First Amendment Coalition v. Judicial Inquiry and Review Board* in the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit at Number 84-1153. Argument was heard on July 14, 1985 by a three-judge panel. Reargument was granted and the case was heard before 11 judges of the Third Circuit on November 12, 1985. The Judicial Inquiry and Review Board wishes to thank Perry Bechtle, Esquire, for his pro bono service in representing the Board in this crucial matter.

Due to the confidentiality mandate of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Judicial Code all proceedings before the Judicial Inquiry and Review Board are confidential. Accordingly, the Judicial Inquiry and Review Board is unable to give the names of the Judges or the nature of the complaints under consideration. However, a statistical abstract of the cases before the Board of 1985, appears as Table 1 in this report.

The Constitution of Pennsylvania at Article 5, Section 18(a) and (b) and the Pennsylvania Judicial Code at 42 Pa. C.S.A. Section 2102 mandate that nine members be appointed to serve on the Judicial Inquiry and Review Board. Five members are appointed by the Supreme Court. Of these five, two must be Judges of the Superior Court and three must be Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas. Each Common Pleas Court Judge must reside in a different judicial district. The Governor appoints four members, two being lawyers and two being non-lawyers. No member may serve more than four consecutive years. A former member may be appointed for a new term after a one-year lapse in service.

Upon retirement of the Honorable Joseph F. McCloskey on December 31, 1985, there was one judicial vacancy and two gubernatorial vacancies on the Board. The Board expresses its deepest appreciation to Judge McCloskey for his distinguished and untiring service.

During 1985, the Judicial Inquiry and Review Board upgraded its professional and administrative staff by the addition of a full time staff attorney and a full time Board secretary. The present complement includes the Executive Director, Assistant Counsel, Office Manager, Administrative Assistant, Secretary and Special Investigator in the Philadelphia central office. A special investigator and secretary are detailed to the Pittsburgh regional office.

The year saw the computerization of the Board's administrative operations. Under the new system, the Board is enjoying increased efficiency in tracking cases, compiling statistics and developing data for efficient judicial administration.

As the Board enters 1986, it is proud of its service to the citizens of Pennsylvania and its achievements in establishing high standards of judicial conduct.

Civil Procedural Rules Committee

Stephen M. Feldman, Esquire; Chairman; Honorable Albert E. Acker, Vice-Chairman; John A. Metz, Jr., Esquire, Chairman Emeritus; Philip W. Amram, Esquire; Edward J. Balzarini, Esquire; James J. Flaherty, Esquire; Herbert Fishbone, Esquire; John G. Gent, Esquire; Richard L. Grossman, Esquire; Richard Henry Klein, Esquire; Honorable Julian F. King; Donald E. Matusow, Esquire; Honorable John J. McLean; Honorable Madaline Palladino; Rod J. Pera, Esquire; Judd N. Poffinberger, Esquire; David S. Shrager, Esquire; Honorable Silvestri Silvestri; Charles H. Welles, III, Esquire.

Domestic Relations Section of Civil Procedural Rules Committee
Honorable Albert E. Acker, Chairman; Honorable Anita B. Brody; Honorable Nicholas A. Cipriani; Honorable Tama M. Clark; Ronald D. Ecker, Esquire; Robert Raphael, Esquire; Honorable Edward B. Rosenberg; Honorable R. Stanton Wettick.

The Civil Procedural Rules Committee held six two-day meetings in 1985, four in Philadelphia and two in Pittsburgh. In addition, there were numerous subcommittee meetings on subjects including liens and the revival of judgments as well as the Judiciary Act Repealer Act (JARA) and the Judicial Code.

At the beginning of the year, the Committee was composed of eighteen members and a chairman emeritus. On November 22, 1985, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania designated James J. Flaherty of Pittsburgh as Chairman and the Honorable Madaline Palladino of Lehigh County as Vice-Chairman, effective January 1, 1986. At the same time, the Court appointed four new members to the Committee. The membership of the Committee was reduced to seventeen as the terms of five members had expired.

The new seven member Domestic Relations Section of the Civil

Procedural Rules Committee, appointed in December 1984, met for the first time on February 20, 1985 in Philadelphia. The Section held three additional meetings in 1985 and will publish its first recommendation in early 1986.

Amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania promulgated in 1985 several recommendations proposed by the Committee:

Recommendation No. 63 amended Rules 2981, 2982 and 2984 to accommodate a new action required by section 605 of the Goods and Services Installment Sales Act.
Recommendation No. 64 contained miscellaneous amendments including revision of rules relating to service upon additional defendants and videotape depositions.
Recommendation No. 66 involved technical amendments to Rules 1351 and 1361 relating to the forms of the writ of summons and the notice to plead.
Recommendation No. 69 consolidated into new Chapter 400 the rules governing service of original process and other legal papers.
Recommendation No. 70 contained a technical amendment to Support Rule 1910.31 governing suspension of Acts of Assembly.
Recommendation No. 71 adopted a clarifying amendment to Rule 227.1 governing post-trial practice.
Recommendation No. 73 included new Rule 205.2 relating to the filing of papers with the prothonotary and the addition of subdivision (b) to Rule 1012 to provide for withdrawal of appearance.

Published Recommendations

During 1984 and 1985, the Committee issued for comment by the bench and bar several proposed recommendations:

Recommendation No. 67 proposed to rescind the rules governing foreign attachment and fraudulent debtor's attachment.
Recommendation No. 68 contained an amendment to Execution Rule 3129 governing notice of the sale of real property to provide the constitutionally required notice to persons with interests in the property being sold.
Recommendation No. 72 proposed the addition of a new chapter of rules governing subpoenas.
Recommendation No. 74 proposed amendments to the rules governing joinder of parties as the result of an Act of Assembly extending the statute of limitations as to minor.
Recommendation No. 75 proposed amendments to the Discovery Rules with respect to the discovery of opinions and the necessity of filing discovery material.

Continuing Responsibilities

The Judicial Code and the Judiciary Act Repealer Act (JARA) have provided the Committee with the basis for much of its work since 1978 and will continue to do so. Appeals from local administrative agencies, partition of real and personal property, juries and jurors, motion practice and trial practice were a few of the subjects on the Committee's agenda.

The work of the Domestic Relations Section continues in the areas of divorce, support, custody and protection from abuse. Much of the work for 1986 will result from the Federal Child Support Enforcement Act of 1984 and the corresponding Pennsylvania statute, Act 1985-66.

Throughout 1985, the Committee continued to furnish assistance to the Supreme Court and to act as a clearinghouse for numerous amendments suggested by members of the bench and bar. The Chairman and Executive Director answered countless inquiries regarding the rules of civil procedure from local courts and attorneys and from courts and attorneys in sister states.

Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners

Honorable Justin M. Johnson, Chairman; John W. English, Sr. Vice-Chairman; Yolanda Barco, Esquire; Anthony S. Minisi, Esquire; Harold Rosenn, Esquire; Susan L. Anderson, Esquire, Secretary/Treasurer.

During 1985 the Board conducted two bar examinations. Given in February and July of each year, the exams are two days in length, the first day being the Multi-State bar examination and the second day being the essay examination. In February, 1985, 883 examinees sat and 593 or 67.16% were successful. In July 2522 examinees sat and 2098 or 83.19% passed.

The Board also granted the applications of 123 out of state attorneys for admission to the bar on motion.

There were 7 appeals filed with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania from actions of the Board. These appeals involved such matters as applicants with degrees from unaccredited law schools, unsuccessful applicants challenging the bar examination grading process, attorneys from out of state, and foreign trained attorneys.

During the year the Board held 11 hearings for applicants seeking admission on motion and permission to sit for the bar examination. Hearings were necessitated to resolve questions of character and fitness to practice law, as well as to determine whether attorneys from other jurisdictions had the requisite practice to be admitted without bar examination.

The number of applicants for the Pennsylvania bar examination has greatly increased over the last several years. As a result, questions have arisen within the legal and judicial communities as to the reason. The Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners has several explanations for this increase.

1. Pennsylvania does not have any pre or post application requirements which would prohibit applicants from other jurisdictions from taking our exam. This is unlike other jurisdictions which require, for example, law school

registration or minimum residence prior to the exam.

2. After routinely consulting with testing experts, Pennsylvania has devised an examination and grading process which effectively meets our stated purpose, namely, to determine minimal competence. This is in contrast to other jurisdictions whose established standards are either higher than minimal competence or whose standards are set in an attempt to keep the passing percentage to a certain level.

3. The Pennsylvania bar exam is only two days in length as we incorporate Professional Responsibility into our essay examination. The majority of states utilize the Multi-State Professional Responsibility Examination which adds an additional one-half day to the examination process.

4. Pennsylvania releases its results earlier than the majority of jurisdictions regardless of size.

For all these reasons, Pennsylvania has become an attractive jurisdiction for applicants wishing to take a bar examination. Many of these applicants, however, although admitted to the bar, do not intend to practice in the Commonwealth.

The Disciplinary Board

The Committee

John M. Elliott, Chairman; James C. Schwartzman, Esquire; Vice Chairman; Prof. Winfield Keck; James J. Curran, Jr., Esquire; Gilbert J. Helwig, Esquire; James D. McDonald, Jr., Esquire; John R. McGinley, Jr., Esquire; James F. Mundy, Esquire; George F. Douglas, Jr., Esquire; Byrd R. Brown, Esquire; Judith Heh; John R. Padova, Esquire; John A. Tumolo, Esquire.

The number of complaints received during the year 1985 has increased over the previous year. Two thousand eight hundred and seven complaints were lodged representing an increase of 215 from the previous year. An average of 234 complaints were filed monthly.

Through the able efforts of the staff of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, 2,868 complaints were disposed of during the year, representing an increase of 297 from the previous year. However, there was a net decrease of complaints received over matters terminated of 61 and 969 active complaints were on hand at the commencement of 1986. One hundred fourteen of these cases are in various stages of formal proceedings and actions will be commenced shortly in 11 more.

Two developments of note should be recorded. First, proceedings which logically follows from the increased tempo of disciplinary action during the proceeding thirteen years resulting in suspensions of various lengths and disbarments. Many of the respondents involved in such matters are now seeking reinstatement and the investigation and hearings incident to considering their petitions for reinstatement present an additional burden for all involved in the disciplinary process. Twenty-one petitions for reinstatement were processed by the Board and forwarded to the Supreme Court. The second development is that with the establishment of the Client Security Fund Board in 1982, new requirements for investigation and records to support their operations will ensue.

The Disciplinary Board held eight executive meetings during the year and considered 58 matters before it for adjudication. Of this number, 24 were referred to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for final decision. In addition, resignations by respondents, which resulted in 11 disbarments on consent and 16 petitions for reinstatement to active status after being inactive three or more years with no discipline being involved were forwarded to the Supreme Court. In addition to the regular scheduled meetings, individual Board members heard oral arguments presented before them in twelve cases.

During the past year, discipline was imposed in 177 cases. This figure does not include 7 interim suspensions of various types, such as: five Criminal Convictions (Rule 214) and two Emergency Interim Suspensions (Rule 208 (f)). A tabulation of the disciplinary action taken since the year 1981 is set forth on Table 2.

The number of hearing committee members has remained constant for the past six years at 108: 12 committees each in District I (Philadelphia) and District IV (Western Pennsylvania), and six committees each in Districts II and III. However, the overall work of these committees has increased.

Criminal Procedural Rules Committee

James Strazzella, Esquire
Chairman, Honorable Robert I. Shadle, Vice-Chairman, Honorable G. Thomas Gates, Honorable Thomas C. Raup, Honorable Anthony J. Scirica, Honorable Henry R. Smith, Honorable Max Rosenn (consultant to the committee), Attorney General Leroy S. Zimmerman, District Attorney William H. Platt, District Attorney Edward G. Rendell, District Attorney Robert L. Eberhardt, District Attorney Bernard L. Siegel, Defender Benjamin Lerner, State Senator D. Michael Fisher, Esquire, Municipal Court Judge Lynwood F. Blount, Private Defense Attorneys: A. Richard Gerber, Stanley W. Greenfield, Abraham J. Brem Levy, Stanford Shmukler
Staff:
Ann T. Panfil, Staff Counsel, James A. Shellenberger, Consultant

As one of the advisory groups to the Supreme Court, the Committee continued its ongoing review of the Rules of Criminal Procedure generally and its efforts to streamline and improve the rules. The Committee's work during 1985 was in response to this ongoing review, to court opinions, and to changes in legislation, which was prompted by insights of the Committee members, its staff, and interested members of the bench and bar. The Committee in 1985 continued its extensive, in-depth study and general review of the procedural aspects of the functioning of the jury trial system in criminal cases. This general review was undertaken in an effort to improve this important aspect of procedure. In addition, the Committee worked very closely on several matters with the AOPC and other Supreme Court committees in order to insure uniformity and consistency on various interrelated procedural rule and administrative matters.

As in past years, new criminal rule and amendment proposals with explanatory *Reports* were published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and *Atlantic Reporter* before being finally recommended to the Supreme Court. The published *Reports* represent public history of the rules, an important resource for documenting their purpose, intent, and meaning. The Committee also continued to prepare for publication in various journals and newsletters a calendar of the effective dates of criminal rule changes, to simplify matters for the bench, bar and public by providing advance notice of such changes.

The following matters were the subjects of new rules and rule amendments adopted or effective in 1985.

—The general revision of the Rules of Criminal Procedure that would delete the forms presently illustrated in the rules and would explain the present rule requirements outlining the contents of the criminal procedural forms.

—Voir dire of prospective jurors for a statewide or regional investigating grand jury by the president judge or another judge of counties supplying jurors.

—The general revision of the Rules of Criminal Procedure which govern the institution and conduct of summary criminal proceedings.

—A clarification of the summary case guilty plea procedures and summary case procedures when a defendant defaults in making payments on a fine and costs payment schedule.

—Provisions for ruling on requests for jury instructions before closing arguments and for giving instructions to the jury before and during trial.

—Statewide, uniform procedures for determining degree of guilt in guilty plea and jury waiver cases which are applicable only in cases in which the death penalty is otherwise authorized by law.

—Emphasis of the present requirement that post-verdict motions alleging insufficiency of evidence are to specify in what respect the evidence is insufficient and motions alleging the verdict is against the weight of the evidence are to specify the basis for the allegation.

—Clarification that the rules do not require that a defendant has an automatic right to a closed suppression hearing nor that the suppression hearing record must be impounded.

—Statutory limitations on district justices' power to fix and accept bail.

Advisory Committee on Appellate Court Rules

Bernard M. Borish, Chairman, Esquire, William B. Ball, Esquire, Charles W. Bowser, Esquire, Honorable Jospeh P. Braig, Honorable Vincent A. Cirillo, James D. Crawford, Esquire, Edwin L. Klett, Esquire, Honorable Donald J. Lee, Honorable Edwin S. Malmed, James M. Marsh, Esquire, John M. McLaughlin, Esquire, Honorable Sandra M. Moss, Dean Richard Pierce, Jr., Carroll F. Purdy, Jr., Esquire, Arthur Silverblatt, Esquire, Stella L. Smetanka, Esquire, Charles A. Thrall, Esquire

The function of the Advisory Committee is to maintain the Rules of Appellate Procedure in light of developing case law, new legislation and experience. From time to time during the year, the Committee received inquiries and suggestions from the legal community. In most instances the Committee's work results from these inquiries and suggestions. During 1985, the Committee recommended several amendments which were promulgated by the Supreme Court:

1. Rule 1701(b)(3)(ii) was amended to provide that, upon the grant of a timely order for reconsideration, no additional fees shall be required for the filing of the new notice of appeal or petition for review.

2. Rule 311(a)(1) was amended to provide that if orders opening, vacating of striking off a judgement are sought in the alternative, no appeal may be filed until the Court has disposed of each claim for relief.

3. Rule 2744 was amended to provide that an appellate court may award as further costs damages as may be just, including a reasonable counsel fee, if it determines that an appeal is frivolous or taken solely for delay or that the conduct of the participant against whom costs are to be imposed is dilatory, obdurate or vexatious.

4. Rules 2189 and 2572, relating to the Reproduced Record in Cases Involving the Death Penalty, were amended to provide for preparation of the Governor's copy of the lower court record; and to specify the time for remand of the record as seven days after expiration of the time for appeal or petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court in cases in which the death penalty has been imposed.

Table 2
Disciplinary Cases Against Attorneys

	Calendar Years				
	1981	**1982**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**
Disciplinary Cases:					
1. Informal Admonition	113	156	137	125	123
2. Private Reprimand	4	6	9	21	19
3. Probation	0	0	0	0	0
4. Public Censure	1	2	6	1	3
5. Suspension	17	12	7	21	16
6. Disbarment	21	33	24	21	16
Total of Disciplinary Actions	156	209	183	189	177
Reinstatement Cases:					
1. Petitions for Reinstatement	42	21	22	25	21
2. Petitions for Reinstatement Denied	4	0	0	2	0

THE APPELLATE COURTS

Tables 3 through 6 present the volume of appellate litigation in Pennsylvania.

As is evident from the tables, the appellate courts face considerable workloads. For example, the number of petitions for allocatur in the Supreme Court reached an all-time high of 2,579 in 1985. This represents a nearly 200 percent increase in allocatur petitions since the Supreme Court became a "certiorari court" in 1981. Similarly, the number of allocatur petitions granted in 1985 reached a new high of 223, nearly twice the 1981 level.

The Superior Court received 5,878 new appeals in 1985, making it one of the busiest appellate courts in the nation. In 1985, the court was exceptionally productive, disposing of almost 2,500 more appeals than were filed. The inventory of pending appeals was thus reduced from 8,435 to 5,958, a reduction of some thirty percent.

Table 4 provides a breakdown of appeals pending in the Superior Court by stage of appellate processing. Note that in every category (awaiting record, awaiting briefs, awaiting argument or submission, awaiting decision, other), the number of pending appeals has declined from January 1, 1985, to December 31, 1985.

Tables 5 and 6 present filing and disposition data for the Commonwealth Court. Several features of these tables merit attention. First, the volume of actions filed continues to be large at 3,635 in 1985. Secondly, the number of majority opinions continues to show an upward trend. Finally, total cases disposed by Commonwealth Court has increased in 1985 over 1984 by more than 500, the third consecutive year where the number of dispositions has increased by more than 500.

Table 3

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA: 1985 CASELOAD

	Eastern District	Middle District	Western District	Total
No. of Direct Appeals Filed	69	27	46	142
No. of Petitions for Allocatur Filed	1432	313	834	2,579
No. of Allocatur Petitions Granted	102	56	65	223
No. of Days Court Heard Cases	18	4	9	31
No. of Cases Argued	113	20	64	197
No. of Cases Submitted on Briefs	23	1	9	33
No. of Cases Opinions Filed	105	27	64	196
No. of Miscellaneous Petitions Filed	908	130	450	1,488

Table 4

SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pending Appeals, Filing and Disposition of Appeals, and Distribution of Pending Appeals by Stage of the Appellate Process

		Number of Appeals		
		Total	Civil	Criminal
Appeals Pending January 1, 1984		8,550	3,626	4,924
New Appeals Filed in 1984		5,793	2,756	3,037
Appeals Disposed in 1984		5,908	2,797	3,111
By filed decision	3,941			
By order, discontinuance or other means	1,967			
Appeals Pending January 1, 1985		8,435	3,585	4,850
Awaiting record	2,175			
Awaiting briefs	2,358			
Awaiting argument or submission	1,596			
Awaiting decision	1,940			
Other (including awaiting appointment of counsel)	366			
New Appeals Filed in 1985		5,878	2,921	2,957
Appeals Disposed in 1985		8,355	3,908	4,447
By filed decision	5,980			
By order, discontinuance or other means	2,375			
Appeals Pending January 1, 1986		5,958	2,598	3,360
Awaiting record	1,985			
Awaiting briefs	1,237			
Awaiting argument or submission	1,000			
Awaiting decision	1,559			
Other (including awaiting appointment of counsel)	177			

Table 5

COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Filings by Type: 1981-1985

Filings	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Original Jurisdiction	280	240	233	263	178
Appeals from Courts of Common Pleas	825	775	838	815	868
Direct Appeals from Admin. Agencies	1,321	1,334	1,647	1,961	1,640
Direct Appeals under Fiscal Code	850	1,000	971	874	769
Combined Original/Appellate Matters	10	10	6	7	9
Miscellaneous Docket	219	203	185	82	81
Transfer Docket	76	52	87	92	90
Total Actions Filed	3,581	3,614	3,967	4,094	3,635

Table 6

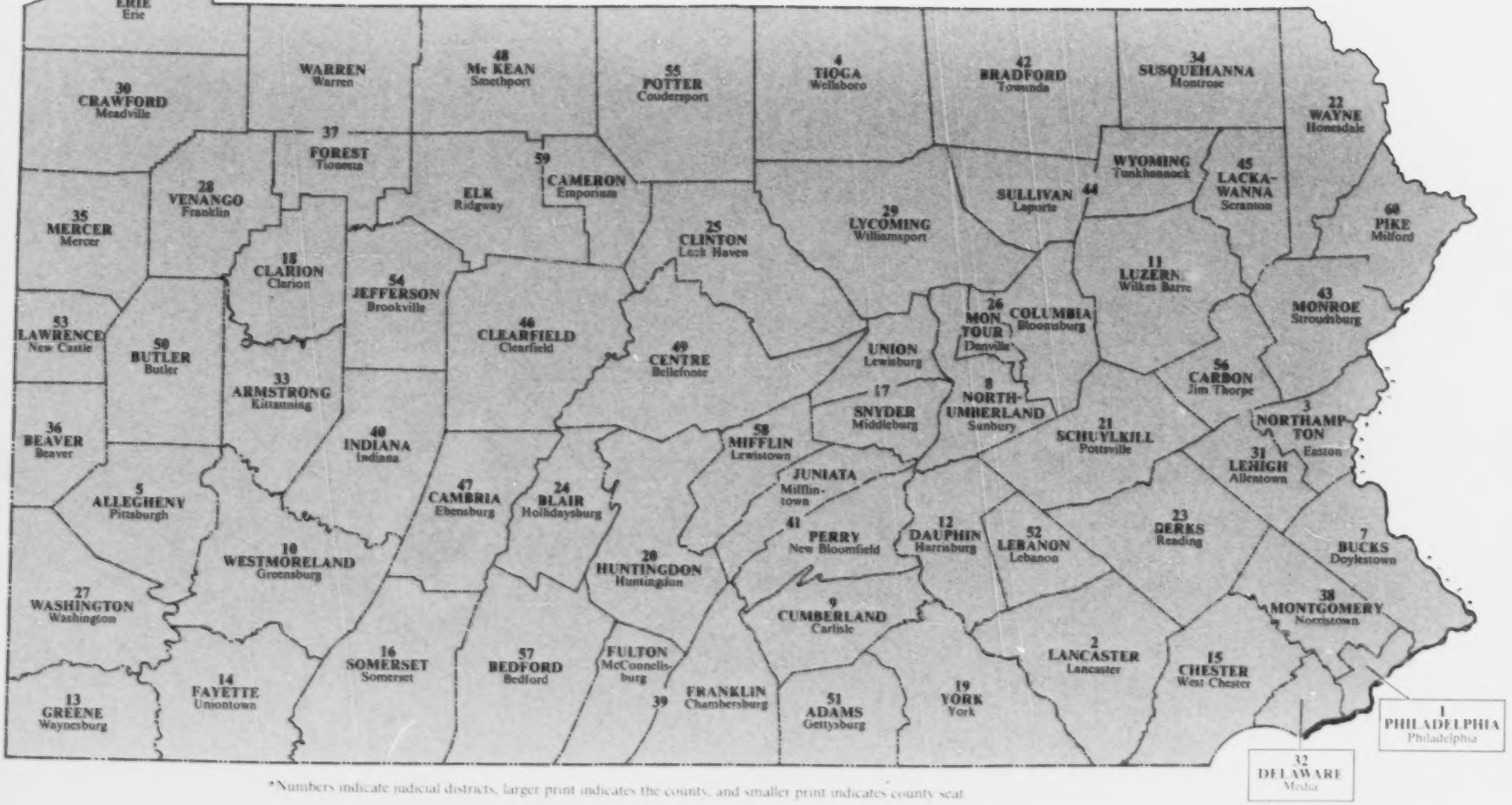
COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Dispositions by Type: 1981-1985

Dispositions	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Majority Opinions	990	807	1,109	1,316	1,591
Opinions in consolidated cases				125	134
Number of cases withdrawn	904	653	628	761	883
Number of cases dismissed	405	516	537	466	604
Number of cases remanded	169	104	144	163	187
Number of cases transferred	81	34	45	58	57
Stipulations for judgement (tax appeals)	222	285	438	523	472
Total Dispositions	2,771	2,399	2,901	3,412	3,928

Judicial Districts As Apportioned By Act Of 1951

As Amended 1982, April 8th, P.L. 292, No. 82, Sec. 1



*Numbers indicate judicial districts, larger print indicates the county, and smaller print indicates county seat.

COMMON PLEAS FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS—1985

REPORTING METHODOLOGY

In 1985, the Administrative Office began collecting data on trial court and district justice court activity under a completely revamped format. The collection system is the culmination of nearly two years of planning on the part of the AOPC and the local courts. The Committee on Judicial Statistics, comprised of representatives from the Trial Court Judges, District Court Administrators, Prothonotaries and Clerks of Court, and the Special Courts, as well as the AOPC, developed a reporting system that is designed to provide a representative picture of local court systems.

Major changes include the age of pending criminal cases at the common pleas and district justice levels, the age of pending trial ready civil cases, the inclusion of adjudications by non-judicial personnel in the Family Court, the differentiation between contested and non-contested cases in Orphans' Court, and a jury management reporting system.

The case aging information should prove valuable in identifying caseflow problems. The jury management data should help the trial courts to realize a substantial savings in tax dollars in terms of jury fees as well as benefit citizens who serve as jurors by using their time more efficiently.

In the pages that follow, the common please activity of the local courts is presented in five sections—Criminal, Civil, Family Court, Orphans' Court and Jury Utilization.

In developing the new reporting system, our goal was to gather data that would fairly represent the work of the courts. Although a system which would count every type of court proceeding would be ideal, the expense involved in terms of time and effort on the part of local court personel would render such an approach impractical. Thus the information presented here constitutes only a sampling of the volume of work confronting the judicial system.

Table 7 provides a breakdown of all common pleas filings and dispositions, respectively. More than 416,000 cases were filed in the Criminal, Civil, Family, and Orphans' Court divisions of the Courts of Common Pleas and over 391,000 cases disposed (exclusive of Arbitration cases). Criminal cases (misdemeanors and felonies) comprised the largest proportion of activity in a single division: 21 percent of filings and 23 percent of dispositions. The Family Court, which includes Support, Divorce, Custody, and Juvenile, accounted for 65 percent of filings and 62 percent of dispositions.

Table 7

Common Pleas Filings and Dispositions, 1985

	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS
Criminal	92,464[1]	91,482
Civil	35,804	32,338
Arbitration	N/A	37,444
Divorce	48,030	40,956
Support: AFDC	67,397	62,570
Support: Non-AFDC	81,545	79,469
Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation	20,189	17,803
Delinquency (Juvenile)	38,444	35,818
Dependency (Juvenile)	9,379	8,956
Orphans' Court Accounts	13,310	12,757
Adoptions	4,690	4,518
Relinquishments/Terminations	3,084	2,863
Incompetency Proceedings	2,202	2,018

[1] There were 6,439 reopened criminal cases.
[2] These include 662 reopened civil cases and 4,690 appeals from arbitration.

CRIMINAL CASE VOLUME

Statewide, the common pleas criminal caseload increased in 1985 by 92,464 as 86,025 new cases were filed and 6,439 cases were reopened. The 1985 filing figure is a 1.5 percent increase over cases added in 1984. Since 1979, total cases added has increased by 50 percent.

Dispositions of all common pleas criminal cases amounted to 91,482 cases, the highest annual total to date (See Table 8). An increase of 3.5 percent over 1984, this represents the fifth time in the past six years that the Pennsylvania judicial system has increased its output of criminal cases, a significant accomplishment in light of the above filing figures. Of the dispositions recorded, guilty pleas (45.3 percent) and A.R.D.s (25.8 percent) accounted for over 70 percent of total dispositions. Increases in guilty pleas, jury trials, and nolle prosequi dispositions also contributed to the large number of dispositions. Dismissals owing to Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 1100 (the "speedy trial rule") amounted to 202, the lowest figure since the rule went into effect in 1976. Jury trials, typically the most time consuming of common pleas dispositions, increased by 11 percent, the largest annual increase in over a decade.

Age of Pending Cases

The age of pending criminal cases was reported to the Administrative Office for the first time in 1985. A pending case, as defined for aging purposes, is one which has been received by common pleas court, but has not yet been adjudicated. Thus, cases awaiting sentencing are not included among the case aging statistics since the adjudicatory stage has been completed.

The aging data are crucial to judicial administrators in identifying caseflow problems and developing effective solutions to minimize delay. Of the 39,853 cases pending at the end of 1985, over half (21,203) are pending less than four months and over 70 percent are pending less than eight months. See Table 9.

Table 9

Age of Common Pleas Criminal Inventory End-of-Year*

	As of December 31, 1985	
	# Pending	% of Total
0-60 Days	11,603	29.1
61-120 Days	9,600	24.1
121-180 Days	4,578	11.5
181-240 Days	2,568	6.4
Over 240 Days	11,504	28.9
Total	39,853	100.0

*Ages are calculated from date of filing with Common Pleas Court.

Table 8

Criminal Dispositions by Type, 1981-1985

	Guilty Plea	Jury Trial	Non-Jury Trial	Nol[1] Pros	A.R.D.	Rule 1100 Dismissal	Transfer to Inactive	Other	Total
1981	30,028	3,051	5,752	7,626	11,817	390	N/A	2,072	60,736
1982	34,935	3,175	7,032	10,186	12,561	324	8,612	2,234	79,059
1983	33,982	3,001	6,550	8,594	17,682	318	6,826	1,226	78,189
1984	38,684	3,178	6,430	8,274	23,592	212	6,606	1,379	88,355
1985	41,490	3,571	6,034	8,330	23,632	202	6,835	1,388	91,482
% Change 84-85	7.2	11.1	-6.1	0.6	0.1	-4.7	3.4	0.6	3.5

[1]Includes dispositions in lieu of trial.

CRIMINAL GLOSSARY

"ARD" (Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition)	A pre-trial diversionary program similiar to probation. Upon successful completion of all conditions of the program, the defendant may petition the Court to dismiss the charges against him.
"COMMON PLEAS CRIMINAL CASE"	A misdemeanor or felony case held for common pleas court after a *preliminary hearing*, or a waiver of the preliminary hearing, or a transfer from juvenile court.
"DISPOSITION"	For purpose of the **Criminal Report,** dispositions at each level of court are defined as follows: (1) a case is considered disposed at the district justice level when an adjudication occurs, the case is forwarded to common pleas court, or the case becomes inactive; (2) a case is considered disposed at the common pleas level when the judge accepts a guilty plea, renders a verdict, the jury returns a verdict, or the case is otherwise adjudicated. A common pleas disposition is counted at the time of adjudication and *not* at the time of sentencing.
"FELONY"	A statutory class of crime generally more serious than a misdemeanor. For purposes of the **Criminal Report** and **District Justice Report,** this includes murder of the first degree.
"FILING"	A record of the court. The initiation of a criminal matter at the district justice or common pleas court.
"FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE"	A defendant who evades the jurisdiction of the court where the alleged crime was committed.
"HELD FOR COURT"	The decision of a judicial officer to bind over a case to the Court of Common Pleas. (See *Waived to Court.*)
"MISDEMEANOR"	It is a statutory class of crime generally more serious than a summary offense and less serious than a felony.
"NOLLE PROSEQUI"	A formal notice upon the record and accepted by the court that the prosecution will not further proceed with the case.
"PENDING CASE" (Common Pleas)	An active criminal case at the common pleas level which has *not* been adjudicated.
"PENDING CASE" (District Justice)	An open criminal case at the district justice level that has *not* been adjudicated or forwarded to common pleas court.
"PRELIMINARY HEARING"	Hearing by a judicial officer to determine whether a person charged with a crime should be held for court.
"WAIVED TO COURT"	The relinquishment by a defendant of his/her right to a preliminary hearing.

Table 10
Criminal Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

ADAMS

Cases Pending 1/1/85	204
New Cases Received	571
Cases Reopened	8
Subtotal: Cases Available	783
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	54
Rule 1100	1
A.R.D.	204
Guilty Plea	291
Non-Jury Trial	0
Jury Trial	29
Inactive Cases	11
Other Disposed	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	593
Cases Pending 12/31/85	190

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	60	
61–120 Days	89	
121–180 Days	20	
181–240 Days	12	
Over 240 Days	9	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	190	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		13

ALLEGHENY

Cases Pending 1/1/85	7,822
New Cases Received	13,502
Cases Reopened	1,344
Subtotal: Cases Available	22,668
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	1,721
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	3,661
Guilty Plea	5,878
Non-Jury Trial	1,005
Jury Trial	592
Inactive Cases	1,148
Other Disposed	56
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	14,061
Cases Pending 12/31/85	8,607

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	2,014	
61–120 Days	1,463	
121–180 Days	472	
181–240 Days	260	
Over 240 Days	4,398	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	8,607	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		890

ARMSTRONG

Cases Pending 1/1/85	150
New Cases Received	299
Cases Reopened	11
Subtotal: Cases Available	460
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	53
Rule 1100	3
A.R.D.	85
Guilty Plea	161
Non-Jury Trial	4
Jury Trial	15
Inactive Cases	8
Other Disposed	14
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	343
Cases Pending 12/31/85	117

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	53	
61–120 Days	31	
121–180 Days	14	
181–240 Days	5	
Over 240 Days	14	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	117	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		48

Table 10
Criminal Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

BEAVER

Cases Pending 1/1/85	394
New Cases Received	1,288
Cases Reopened	189
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,871
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	190
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	569
Guilty Plea	499
Non-Jury Trial	8
Jury Trial	39
Inactive Cases	103
Other Disposed	18
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	1,426
Cases Pending 12/31/85	445

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	188	
61–120 Days	122	
121–180 Days	46	
181–240 Days	13	
Over 240 Days	76	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	445	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		98

BEDFORD

Cases Pending 1/1/85	67
New Cases Received	223
Cases Reopened	7
Subtotal: Cases Available	297
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	31
Rule 1100	1
A.R.D.	49
Guilty Plea	105
Non-Jury Trial	3
Jury Trial	16
Inactive Cases	1
Other Disposed	23
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	229
Cases Pending 12/31/85	68

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	31	
61–120 Days	21	
121–180 Days	7	
181–240 Days	5	
Over 240 Days	4	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	68	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		9

BERKS

Cases Pending 1/1/85	990
New Cases Received	2,026
Cases Reopened	354
Subtotal: Cases Available	3,370
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	200
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	590
Guilty Plea	979
Non-Jury Trial	1
Jury Trial	103
Inactive Cases	299
Other Disposed	51
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	2,223
Cases Pending 12/31/85	1,147

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	366	
61–120 Days	322	
121–180 Days	120	
181–240 Days	62	
Over 240 Days	277	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	1,147	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		97

Table 10
Criminal Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

BLAIR

Cases Pending 1/1/85	1,427
New Cases Received	906
Cases Reopened	9
Subtotal: Cases Available	2,342
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	83
Rule 1100	3
A.R.D.	146
Guilty Plea	873
Non-Jury Trial	9
Jury Trial	23
Inactive Cases	164
Other Disposed	90
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	1,391
Cases Pending 12/31/85	951

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	125	
61–120 Days	163	
121–180 Days	95	
181–240 Days	66	
Over 240 Days	502	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	951	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		154

BRADFORD

Cases Pending 1/1/85	99
New Cases Received	354
Cases Reopened	37
Subtotal: Cases Available	490
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	92
Rule 1100	5
A.R.D.	78
Guilty Plea	158
Non-Jury Trial	1
Jury Trial	13
Inactive Cases	24
Other Disposed	18
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	389
Cases Pending 12/31/85	101

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	68	
61–120 Days	12	
121–180 Days	8	
181–240 Days	7	
Over 240 Days	6	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	101	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		14

BUCKS

Cases Pending 1/1/85	1,676
New Cases Received	5,541
Cases Reopened	1,250
Subtotal: Cases Available	8,467
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	294
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	2,078
Guilty Plea	2,984
Non-Jury Trial	107
Jury Trial	140
Inactive Cases	1,578
Other Disposed	53
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	7,234
Cases Pending 12/31/85	1,233

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	867	
61–120 Days	323	
121–180 Days	37	
181–240 Days	5	
Over 240 Days	1	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	1,233	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		707

Table 10
Criminal Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

BUTLER

Cases Pending 1/1/85	328
New Cases Received	931
Cases Reopened	122
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,381
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	23
Rule 1100	2
A.R.D.	424
Guilty Plea	541
Non-Jury Trial	8
Jury Trial	21
Inactive Cases	67
Other Disposed	20
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	1,106
Cases Pending 12/31/85	275

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	115
61–120 Days	104
121–180 Days	40
181–240 Days	6
Over 240 Days	10
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	275
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	115

CAMBRIA

Cases Pending 1/1/85	520
New Cases Received	821
Cases Reopened	24
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,365
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	110
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	264
Guilty Plea	342
Non-Jury Trial	40
Jury Trial	12
Inactive Cases	14
Other Disposed	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	785
Cases Pending 12/31/85	580

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	157
61–120 Days	137
121–180 Days	82
181–240 Days	39
Over 240 Days	165
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	580
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	72

CAMERON-ELK

Cases Pending 1/1/85	77
New Cases Received	278
Cases Reopened	8
Subtotal: Cases Available	363
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	17
Rule 1100	4
A.R.D.	117
Guilty Plea	113
Non-Jury Trial	15
Jury Trial	2
Inactive Cases	1
Other Disposed	4
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	273
Cases Pending 12/31/85	90

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	37
61–120 Days	24
121–180 Days	12
181–240 Days	8
Over 240 Days	9
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	90
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	0

Table 10
Criminal Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

CARBON

Cases Pending 1/1/85	40
New Cases Received	279
Cases Reopened	3
Subtotal: Cases Available	322
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	28
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	76
Guilty Plea	110
Non-Jury Trial	1
Jury Trial	20
Inactive Cases	2
Other Disposed	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	237
Cases Pending 12/31/85	85

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	45
61–120 Days	25
121–180 Days	10
181–240 Days	4
Over 240 Days	1
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	85
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	50

CENTRE

Cases Pending 1/1/85	632
New Cases Received	1,091
Cases Reopened	17
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,740
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	56
Rule 1100	3
A.R.D.	713
Guilty Plea	540
Non-Jury Trial	5
Jury Trial	38
Inactive Cases	68
Other Disposed	6
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	1,429
Cases Pending 12/31/85	311

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	155
61–120 Days	90
121–180 Days	22
181–240 Days	19
Over 240 Days	25
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	311
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	67

CHESTER

Cases Pending 1/1/85	677
New Cases Received	2,304
Cases Reopened	80
Subtotal: Cases Available	3,061
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	169
Rule 1100	1
A.R.D.	531
Guilty Plea	1,264
Non-Jury Trial	20
Jury Trial	72
Inactive Cases	197
Other Disposed	47
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	2,301
Cases Pending 12/31/85	760

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	108
61–120 Days	292
121–180 Days	256
181–240 Days	63
Over 240 Days	41
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	760
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	27

Table 10
Criminal Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

CLARION

Cases Pending 1/1/85	24
New Cases Received	268
Cases Reopened	0
Subtotal: Cases Available	292
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	23
Rule 1100	4
A.R.D.	68
Guilty Plea	128
Non-Jury Trial	2
Jury Trial	18
Inactive Cases	3
Other Disposed	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	248
Cases Pending 12/31/85	44

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	20
61–120 Days	22
121–180 Days	1
181–240 Days	1
Over 240 Days	0
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	44
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	24

CLEARFIELD

Cases Pending 1/1/85	503
New Cases Received	543
Cases Reopened	8
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,054
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	41
Rule 1100	9
A.R.D.	244
Guilty Plea	348
Non-Jury Trial	0
Jury Trial	54
Inactive Cases	75
Other Disposed	4
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	775
Cases Pending 12/31/85	279

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	71
61–120 Days	46
121–180 Days	69
181–240 Days	44
Over 240 Days	49
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	279
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	67

CLINTON

Cases Pending 1/1/85	199
New Cases Received	346
Cases Reopened	47
Subtotal: Cases Available	592
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	43
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	204
Guilty Plea	207
Non-Jury Trial	2
Jury Trial	11
Inactive Cases	35
Other Disposed	15
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	517
Cases Pending 12/31/85	75

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	57
61–120 Days	5
121–180 Days	5
181–240 Days	4
Over 240 Days	4
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	75
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	32

Table 10
Criminal Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

COLUMBIA-MONTOUR

Cases Pending 1/1/85	315
New Cases Received	378
Cases Reopened	8
Subtotal: Cases Available	701
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	88
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	55
Guilty Plea	213
Non-Jury Trial	1
Jury Trial	50
Inactive Cases	18
Other Disposed	45
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	470
Cases Pending 12/31/85	231

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	53
61–120 Days	47
121–180 Days	37
181–240 Days	13
Over 240 Days	81
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	231
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	46

CRAWFORD

Cases Pending 1/1/85	232
New Cases Received	740
Cases Reopened	24
Subtotal: Cases Available	996
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	67
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	145
Guilty Plea	480
Non-Jury Trial	12
Jury Trial	38
Inactive Cases	36
Other Disposed	9
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	787
Cases Pending 12/31/85	209

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	122
61–120 Days	63
121–180 Days	15
181–240 Days	1
Over 240 Days	8
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	209
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	48

CUMBERLAND

Cases Pending 1/1/85	341
New Cases Received	1,362
Cases Reopened	52
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,755
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	95
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	321
Guilty Plea	758
Non-Jury Trial	16
Jury Trial	33
Inactive Cases	99
Other Disposed	30
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	1,352
Cases Pending 12/31/85	403

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	177
61–120 Days	133
121–180 Days	60
181–240 Days	6
Over 240 Days	27
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	403
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	123

Table 10
Criminal Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

DAUPHIN

Cases Pending 1/1/85	1,022
New Cases Received	2,726
Cases Reopened	96
Subtotal: Cases Available	3,844
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	149
Rule 1100	2
A.R.D.	668
Guilty Plea	1,548
Non-Jury Trial	113
Jury Trial	98
Inactive Cases	98
Other Disposed	72
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	2,748
Cases Pending 12/31/85	1,096

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	426	
61–120 Days	377	
121–180 Days	134	
181–240 Days	62	
Over 240 Days	97	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	1,096	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		109

DELAWARE

Cases Pending 1/1/85	1,520
New Cases Received	4,336
Cases Reopened	951
Subtotal: Cases Available	6,807
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	296
Rule 1100	24
A.R.D.	1,415
Guilty Plea	1,775
Non-Jury Trial	222
Jury Trial	138
Inactive Cases	964
Other Disposed	23
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	4,857
Cases Pending 12/31/85	1,950

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	507	
61–120 Days	365	
121–180 Days	125	
181–240 Days	88	
Over 240 Days	865	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	1,950	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		245

ERIE

Cases Pending 1/1/85	628
New Cases Received	1,709
Cases Reopened	16
Subtotal: Cases Available	2,353
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	86
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	455
Guilty Plea	1,007
Non-Jury Trial	26
Jury Trial	100
Inactive Cases	41
Other Disposed	11
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	1,726
Cases Pending 12/31/85	627

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	246	
61–120 Days	203	
121–180 Days	89	
181–240 Days	41	
Over 240 Days	48	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	627	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		291

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FAYETTE

Cases Pending 1/1/85	420
New Cases Received	875
Cases Reopened	15
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,310
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	81
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	301
Guilty Plea	416
Non-Jury Trial	4
Jury Trial	70
Inactive Cases	40
Other Disposed	6
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	918
Cases Pending 12/31/85	392

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	192	
61–120 Days	139	
121–180 Days	49	
181–240 Days	9	
Over 240 Days	3	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	392	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		97

FOREST-WARREN

Cases Pending 1/1/85	150
New Cases Received	382
Cases Reopened	10
Subtotal: Cases Available	542
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	19
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	180
Guilty Plea	188
Non-Jury Trial	4
Jury Trial	9
Inactive Cases	1
Other Disposed	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	402
Cases Pending 12/31/85	140

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	59	
61–120 Days	34	
121–180 Days	27	
181–240 Days	15	
Over 240 Days	5	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	140	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		8

FRANKLIN-FULTON

Cases Pending 1/1/85	262
New Cases Received	967
Cases Reopened	7
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,236
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	95
Rule 1100	1
A.R.D.	414
Guilty Plea	381
Non-Jury Trial	6
Jury Trial	18
Inactive Cases	10
Other Disposed	21
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	946
Cases Pending 12/31/85	290

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	151	
61–120 Days	82	
121–180 Days	25	
181–240 Days	24	
Over 240 Days	8	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	290	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		50

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GREENE

Cases Pending 1/1/85	79
New Cases Received	297
Cases Reopened	3
Subtotal: Cases Available	379
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	21
Rule 1100	1
A.R.D.	92
Guilty Plea	150
Non-Jury Trial	0
Jury Trial	15
Inactive Cases	11
Other Disposed	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	290
Cases Pending 12/31/85	89

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	39
61–120 Days	24
121–180 Days	5
181–240 Days	10
Over 240 Days	11
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	89
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	2

HUNTINGDON

Cases Pending 1/1/85	113
New Cases Received	208
Cases Reopened	9
Subtotal: Cases Available	330
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	39
Rule 1100	2
A.R.D.	26
Guilty Plea	147
Non-Jury Trial	4
Jury Trial	11
Inactive Cases	19
Other Disposed	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	250
Cases Pending 12/31/85	80

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	18
61–120 Days	35
121–180 Days	9
181–240 Days	6
Over 240 Days	12
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	80
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	69

INDIANA

Cases Pending 1/1/85	210
New Cases Received	621
Cases Reopened	42
Subtotal: Cases Available	873
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	73
Rule 1100	5
A.R.D.	300
Guilty Plea	213
Non-Jury Trial	10
Jury Trial	26
Inactive Cases	41
Other Disposed	14
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	682
Cases Pending 12/31/85	191

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	102
61–120 Days	68
121–180 Days	12
181–240 Days	5
Over 240 Days	4
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	191
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	37

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JEFFERSON

Cases Pending 1/1/85	218
New Cases Received	309
Cases Reopened	18
Subtotal: Cases Available	545
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	21
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	122
Guilty Plea	193
Non-Jury Trial	1
Jury Trial	5
Inactive Cases	35
Other Disposed	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	378
Cases Pending 12/31/85	167

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	38
61–120 Days	31
121–180 Days	11
181–240 Days	14
Over 240 Days	73
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	167
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	31

JUNIATA-PERRY

Cases Pending 1/1/85	127
New Cases Received	354
Cases Reopened	31
Subtotal: Cases Available	512
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	26
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	162
Guilty Plea	205
Non-Jury Trial	7
Jury Trial	35
Inactive Cases	5
Other Disposed	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	441
Cases Pending 12/31/85	71

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	49
61–120 Days	10
121–180 Days	7
181–240 Days	1
Over 240 Days	4
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	71
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	31

LACKAWANNA

Cases Pending 1/1/85	349
New Cases Received	1,031
Cases Reopened	3
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,383
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	130
Rule 1100	2
A.R.D.	262
Guilty Plea	342
Non-Jury Trial	2
Jury Trial	54
Inactive Cases	35
Other Disposed	25
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	852
Cases Pending 12/31/85	531

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	151
61–120 Days	126
121–180 Days	76
181–240 Days	39
Over 240 Days	139
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	531
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	102

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LANCASTER

Cases Pending 1/1/85	1,023
New Cases Received	2,439
Cases Reopened	26
Subtotal: Cases Available	3,488
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	203
Rule 1100	3
A.R.D.	528
Guilty Plea	1,581
Non-Jury Trial	11
Jury Trial	62
Inactive Cases	62
Other Disposed	8
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	2,458
Cases Pending 12/31/85	1,030

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	353
61–120 Days	330
121–180 Days	179
181–240 Days	78
Over 240 Days	90
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	1,030
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	14

LAWRENCE

Cases Pending 1/1/85	105
New Cases Received	599
Cases Reopened	132
Subtotal: Cases Available	836
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	64
Rule 1100	1
A.R.D.	273
Guilty Plea	249
Non-Jury Trial	0
Jury Trial	34
Inactive Cases	58
Other Disposed	26
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	705
Cases Pending 12/31/85	131

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	83
61–120 Days	29
121–180 Days	2
181–240 Days	5
Over 240 Days	12
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	131
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	70

LEBANON

Cases Pending 1/1/85	186
New Cases Received	808
Cases Reopened	17
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,011
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	9
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	272
Guilty Plea	451
Non-Jury Trial	1
Jury Trial	41
Inactive Cases	24
Other Disposed	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	799
Cases Pending 12/31/85	212

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	134
61–120 Days	46
121–180 Days	11
181–240 Days	3
Over 240 Days	18
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	212
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	198

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LEHIGH

Cases Pending 1/1/85	815
New Cases Received	2,116
Cases Reopened	182
Subtotal: Cases Available	3,113
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	108
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	725
Guilty Plea	1,021
Non-Jury Trial	9
Jury Trial	72
Inactive Cases	114
Other Disposed	268
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	2,317
Cases Pending 12/31/85	796

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	523	
61–120 Days	78	
121–180 Days	78	
181–240 Days	57	
Over 240 Days	60	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	796	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		183

LUZERNE

Cases Pending 1/1/85	165
New Cases Received	2,020
Cases Reopened	0
Subtotal: Cases Available	2,185
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	147
Rule 1100	1
A.R.D.	541
Guilty Plea	728
Non-Jury Trial	85
Jury Trial	69
Inactive Cases	16
Other Disposed	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	1,587
Cases Pending 12/31/85	598

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	250	
61–120 Days	174	
121–180 Days	66	
181–240 Days	37	
Over 240 Days	71	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	598	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		71

LYCOMING

Cases Pending 1/1/85	389
New Cases Received	1,266
Cases Reopened	37
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,692
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	142
Rule 1100	2
A.R.D.	157
Guilty Plea	771
Non-Jury Trial	16
Jury Trial	58
Inactive Cases	47
Other Disposed	69
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	1,262
Cases Pending 12/31/85	430

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	151	
61–120 Days	192	
121–180 Days	46	
181–240 Days	19	
Over 240 Days	22	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	430	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		152

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MCKEAN

Cases Pending 1/1/85	104
New Cases Received	297
Cases Reopened	25
Subtotal: Cases Available	426
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	57
Rule 1100	2
A.R.D.	68
Guilty Plea	128
Non-Jury Trial	0
Jury Trial	9
Inactive Cases	10
Other Disposed	38
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	312
Cases Pending 12/31/85	114

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85
(Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	41	
61–120 Days	47	
121–180 Days	8	
181–240 Days	12	
Over 240 Days	6	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	114	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		12

MERCER

Cases Pending 1/1/85	309
New Cases Received	783
Cases Reopened	116
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,208
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	78
Rule 1100	2
A.R.D.	189
Guilty Plea	397
Non-Jury Trial	28
Jury Trial	116
Inactive Cases	97
Other Disposed	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	910
Cases Pending 12/31/85	298

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85
(Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	117	
61–120 Days	121	
121–180 Days	15	
181–240 Days	16	
Over 240 Days	29	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	298	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		45

MIFFLIN

Cases Pending 1/1/85	124
New Cases Received	358
Cases Reopened	4
Subtotal: Cases Available	486
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	21
Rule 1100	3
A.R.D.	154
Guilty Plea	154
Non-Jury Trial	10
Jury Trial	29
Inactive Cases	8
Other Disposed	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	380
Cases Pending 12/31/85	106

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85
(Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	40	
61–120 Days	32	
121–180 Days	3	
181–240 Days	8	
Over 240 Days	23	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	106	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		18

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MONROE

Cases Pending 1/1/85	132
New Cases Received	380
Cases Reopened	81
Subtotal: Cases Available	593
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	99
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D	161
Guilty Plea	187
Non-Jury Trial	12
Jury Trial	21
Inactive Cases	30
Other Disposed	6
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	516
Cases Pending 12/31/85	77

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	24	
61–120 Days	24	
121–180 Days	19	
181–240 Days	4	
Over 240 Days	6	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	77	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		57

MONTGOMERY

Cases Pending 1/1/85	2,343
New Cases Received	4,639
Cases Reopened	0
Subtotal: Cases Available	6,982
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	249
Rule 1100	23
A.R.D.	1,489
Guilty Plea	2,389
Non-Jury Trial	20
Jury Trial	31
Inactive Cases	0
Other Disposed	11
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	4,212
Cases Pending 12/31/85	2,770

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	728	
61–120 Days	711	
121–180 Days	398	
181–240 Days	287	
Over 240 Days	646	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	2,770	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		313

NORTHAMPTON

Cases Pending 1/1/85	791
New Cases Received	1,637
Cases Reopened	129
Subtotal: Cases Available	2,557
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	163
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	436
Guilty Plea	728
Non-Jury Trial	29
Jury Trial	53
Inactive Cases	244
Other Disposed	54
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	1,707
Cases Pending 12/31/85	850

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	249	
61–120 Days	243	
121–180 Days	153	
181–240 Days	57	
Over 240 Days	148	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	850	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		119

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NORTHUMBERLAND

Cases Pending 1/1/85	577
New Cases Received	653
Cases Reopened	15
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,245
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	49
Rule 1100	2
A.R.D.	131
Guilty Plea	519
Non-Jury Trial	0
Jury Trial	16
Inactive Cases	10
Other Disposed	11
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	738
Cases Pending 12/31/85	507

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	103	
61–120 Days	68	
121–180 Days	53	
181–240 Days	31	
Over 240 Days	252	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	507	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		307

PHILADELPHIA

Cases Pending 1/1/85	5,486
New Cases Received	11,245
Cases Reopened	408
Subtotal: Cases Available	17,139
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	1,495
Rule 1100	45
A.R.D.	382
Guilty Plea	4,215
Non-Jury Trial	4,035
Jury Trial	538
Inactive Cases	408
Other Disposed	13
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	11,131
Cases Pending 12/31/85	6,008

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	630	
61–120 Days	1,416	
121–180 Days	1,035	
181–240 Days	710	
Over 240 Days	2,217	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	6,008	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		1,899

PIKE

Cases Pending 1/1/85	50
New Cases Received	120
Cases Reopened	1
Subtotal: Cases Available	171
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	11
Rule 1100	1
A.R.D.	16
Guilty Plea	65
Non-Jury Trial	2
Jury Trial	11
Inactive Cases	13
Other Disposed	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	122
Cases Pending 12/31/85	49

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	10	
61–120 Days	13	
121–180 Days	3	
181–240 Days	6	
Over 240 Days	17	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	49	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		23

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POTTER

Cases Pending 1/1/85	37
New Cases Received	100
Cases Reopened	4
Subtotal: Cases Available	141
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	13
Rule 1100	4
A.R.D.	15
Guilty Plea	50
Non-Jury Trial	1
Jury Trial	16
Inactive Cases	4
Other Disposed	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	104
Cases Pending 12/31/85	37

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	17	
61–120 Days	19	
121–180 Days	1	
181–240 Days	0	
Over 240 Days	0	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	37	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		0

SCHUYLKILL

Cases Pending 1/1/85	225
New Cases Received	939
Cases Reopened	26
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,190
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	30
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	253
Guilty Plea	512
Non-Jury Trial	2
Jury Trial	36
Inactive Cases	33
Other Disposed	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	866
Cases Pending 12/31/85	324

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	146	
61–120 Days	105	
121–180 Days	36	
181–240 Days	21	
Over 240 Days	16	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	324	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		21

SNYDER-UNION

Cases Pending 1/1/85	114
New Cases Received	249
Cases Reopened	4
Subtotal: Cases Available	367
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	27
Rule 1100	3
A.R.D.	79
Guilty Plea	152
Non-Jury Trial	6
Jury Trial	11
Inactive Cases	2
Other Disposed	5
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	285
Cases Pending 12/31/85	82

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	25	
61–120 Days	30	
121–180 Days	4	
181–240 Days	0	
Over 240 Days	23	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	82	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		26

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SOMERSET

Cases Pending 1/1/85	245
New Cases Received	648
Cases Reopened	0
Subtotal: Cases Available	893
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	53
Rule 1100	5
A.R.D.	227
Guilty Plea	221
Non-Jury Trial	13
Jury Trial	14
Inactive Cases	20
Other Disposed	32
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	585
Cases Pending 12/31/85	308

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	131
61–120 Days	106
121–180 Days	27
181–240 Days	18
Over 240 Days	26
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	308
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	7

SULLIVAN-WYOMING

Cases Pending 1/1/85	142
New Cases Received	201
Cases Reopened	9
Subtotal: Cases Available	352
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	78
Rule 1100	4
A.R.D.	76
Guilty Plea	89
Non-Jury Trial	0
Jury Trial	17
Inactive Cases	2
Other Disposed	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	267
Cases Pending 12/31/85	85

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	25
61–120 Days	20
121–180 Days	9
181–240 Days	4
Over 240 Days	27
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	85
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	12

SUSQUEHANNA

Cases Pending 1/1/85	146
New Cases Received	111
Cases Reopened	0
Subtotal: Cases Available	257
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	5
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	9
Guilty Plea	76
Non-Jury Trial	1
Jury Trial	17
Inactive Cases	68
Other Disposed	25
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	201
Cases Pending 12/31/85	56

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	18
61–120 Days	7
121–180 Days	10
181–240 Days	5
Over 240 Days	16
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	56
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85	6

Table 10
Criminal Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

TIOGA

Cases Pending 1/1/85	227
New Cases Received	379
Cases Reopened	5
Subtotal: Cases Available	611
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	121
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	150
Guilty Plea	165
Non-Jury Trial	0
Jury Trial	9
Inactive Cases	42
Other Disposed	32
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	519
Cases Pending 12/31/85	92

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	41	
61–120 Days	34	
121–180 Days	15	
181–240 Days	0	
Over 240 Days	2	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	92	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		19

VENANGO

Cases Pending 1/1/85	94
New Cases Received	261
Cases Reopened	1
Subtotal: Cases Available	356
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	15
Rule 1100	2
A.R.D.	90
Guilty Plea	151
Non-Jury Trial	1
Jury Trial	18
Inactive Cases	9
Other Disposed	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	289
Cases Pending 12/31/85	67

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	8	
61–120 Days	26	
121–180 Days	20	
181–240 Days	4	
Over 240 Days	9	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	67	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		34

WASHINGTON

Cases Pending 1/1/85	486
New Cases Received	1,240
Cases Reopened	0
Subtotal: Cases Available	1,726
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	207
Rule 1100	2
A.R.D.	441
Guilty Plea	570
Non-Jury Trial	2
Jury Trial	16
Inactive Cases	7
Other Disposed	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	1,248
Cases Pending 12/31/85	478

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	203	
61–120 Days	152	
121–180 Days	51	
181–240 Days	36	
Over 240 Days	36	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	478	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		42

Table 10
Criminal Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

WAYNE

Cases Pending 1/1/85	59
New Cases Received	113
Cases Reopened	9
Subtotal: Cases Available	181
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	22
Rule 1100	0
A.R.D.	41
Guilty Plea	57
Non-Jury Trial	0
Jury Trial	3
Inactive Cases	2
Other Disposed	10
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	135
Cases Pending 12/31/85	46

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	30	
61–120 Days	13	
121–180 Days	3	
181–240 Days	0	
Over 240 Days	0	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	46	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		7

WESTMORELAND

Cases Pending 1/1/85	1,268
New Cases Received	1,920
Cases Reopened	4
Subtotal: Cases Available	3,192
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	170
Rule 1100	1
A.R.D.	882
Guilty Plea	1,024
Non-Jury Trial	11
Jury Trial	129
Inactive Cases	0
Other Disposed	17
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	2,234
Cases Pending 12/31/85	958

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	232	
61–120 Days	158	
121–180 Days	66	
181–240 Days	67	
Over 240 Days	435	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	958	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		17

YORK

Cases Pending 1/1/85	1,414
New Cases Received	2,638
Cases Reopened	401
Subtotal: Cases Available	4,453
Disposed by:	
Dismissal, Nol Pros, etc.	180
Rule 1100	23
A.R.D.	828
Guilty Plea	1,371
Non-Jury Trial	12
Jury Trial	207
Inactive Cases	254
Other Disposed	59
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	2,934
Cases Pending 12/31/85	1,519

Age of Pending CP Cases, 12/31/85 (Filed in Common Pleas Court, But Not Yet Disposed)

0– 60 Days	425	
61–120 Days	378	
121–180 Days	270	
181–240 Days	126	
Over 240 Days	320	
Subtotal: Cases Pending 12/31/85	1,519	
Cases Available for Sentencing, 12/31/85		271

CIVIL CASE VOLUME

Docketing Activity

In Pennsylvania the filing of a complaint or summons marks the beginning of a new civil case which may or may not proceed to the trial stage. In 1985, over 105,000 Civil Actions and Actions in Equity were filed.

With an already extensive workload, the Civil Division encourages resolution of many of these new cases without the time and expense of trial. Indeed, only a small percentage of civil cases in Pennsylvania, as well as for the nation, are disposed through a jury trial. Many settle, are dismissed, or are non-prossed or discontinued prior to becoming certified for trial.

Arbitration Proceedings

Pennsylvania's mandatory arbitration program is a valuable method for resolving civil disputes without the expense of trial. Where the amount in controversy is less than the arbitration limit of the county, cases may be argued before a Board of Arbitrators. In 1985, over 37,000 Civil Actions were resolved through arbitration. If these cases all proceeded to trial, they would impose a serious strain on court resources. In fact, some of these cases do go to trial as parties to an arbitration decision have the right to appeal the award. However, of the 37,000 Civil Actions disposed through arbitration in 1985, only 4,690 (or 12.2 percent) were appealed and certified for trial.

Trial-Activity

There were 35,804 civil cases added to the volume of trial-ready cases in 1985. Of these, new filings totaled 30,452, appeals from arbitration awards totaled 4,690, and cases restored to trial-ready status totaled 662.

Civil Actions (formerly designated "Trespass" and "Assumpsit") comprised the bulk of trial cases with 28,274 filings. Actions in Equity totaled 1,872 and "Other" Actions totaled 5,658. An "Other" Action is an action certified for trial that is not an Equity or Civil Action. Included among these are paternity, ejectment, replevin, and mortgage foreclosure.

Civil dispositions increased to their second highest levels since the Administrative Office began maintaining records in 1971. The 32,338 dispositions are second only to the 1983 figure and represent an 11 percent increase over 1984. All categories of dispositions increased with the exception of bench trials (down 45 percent). Jury trials increased 8.4 percent and total settlements increased 22 percent. Table 11 provides a breakdown of civil dispositions by type in 1985.

Inventory and Age of Pending Cases

At the end of 1985, a total of 44,959 trial-ready cases remained undisposed. Of these, 39,192 (87 percent) are Civil Actions, 2,388 (5 percent) are Equities, and 3,379 (8 percent) are "Other" Actions.

To better monitor the progress of cases through the civil trial system, and to help identify potential sources of delay, the ages of pending cases were reported in 1985. To simplify record keeping, only the ages of Civil Actions and Equities were required. These totaled 41,586 cases. Approximately 39 percent were pending less than one year, 30 percent were pending between one and two years, 20 percent between two and three years, and 11 percent over three years. See Table 12.

Table 12: Age of Pending Civil Cases: End-of-Year*

	As of December 31, 1985	
	# Pending	% of Total
0-6 Months	7,278	17.5
7-12 Months	8,939	21.5
13-18 Months	6,867	16.5
19-24 Months	5,637	13.6
25-30 Months	4,940	11.9
31-36 Months	3,463	8.3
Over 36 Months	4,456	10.7
Total Pending	41,580	100.0

*Ages are calculated from date the case becomes trial-ready

Table 11
Civil Dispositions by Type, 1981-1985

	Jury Trial	Non-Jury Trial	Settlements	Stricken	Other	Total
1981	1,589	4,076	17,858	1,888	3,231	28,642
1982	1,621	4,066	16,611	1,324	2,954	26,576
1983	1,478	3,410	18,327	2,406	7,979	33,600
1984	1,305	3,703	18,104	1,768	4,259	29,139
1985	1,415	2,011	22,114	2,639	4,159	32,338
% Change 84-85	8.4	-45.6	22.1	49.2	-2.0	10.9

CIVIL GLOSSARY

"ARBITRATION"	Mandatory hearing whereby the parties involved in a *Civil Action* have the matter resolved by a Board of Arbitrators.
"ARBITRATION APPEAL"	A case appealed *de novo* from an arbitration award.
"CIVIL ACTION"	An action brought to enforce, redress or protect private rights. It is an action heretofore asserted in assumpsit or trespass (see Rules of Civil Procedure 1001).
"DISPOSITION"	(a) of an arbitration case: An award to a litigant in a civil action by a Board of Arbitrators following an evidentiary hearing; (b) of a trial-ready case: A verdict reached by a judge or a jury; a settlement reached by the litigants; the case is stricken from the trial list; or other action which resolved the issues of the case.
"DOCKETED CASE"	A civil action or an action in equity which has been filed in the Prothonotary's office and which is intended to be litigated. The case is not yet trial-ready.
"EQUITY"	An action or complaint whereby the plaintiff generally seeks equitable relief (e.g., specific performance, injunctions).
"FILING"	A record of the court. For a docketed case, a filing is counted when the civil action or action in equity is filed in the prothonotary's office. For a trial-ready case, a filing is counted when a civil action, equity, or "other" case is determined to be trial-ready.
"OTHER DISPOSITION"	The disposition of a trial-ready case by transfer to arbitration, transfer to inactive status, or other means not specified on the **Civil Report.**
"PENDING CASE"	Any civil case which is ready to be tried and which is not disposed.
"PRAECIPE FOR TRIAL"	A form indicating to the Prothonotary that a civil case should be placed on a trial list.
"RESTORED CASE"	A case which is restored (re-certified or re-praeciped) to a trial list after having been removed from the list.
"SETTLED CASE"	A type of disposition of a trial-ready case whereby the litigants in the dispute come to an agreement over the issues at stake.
"STRICKEN CASE"	A disposition of a civil case by its removal from the trial list.
"TRIAL-READY CASE"	A Civil Action, Equity or "Other" civil case which is certified or praeciped or otherwise placed on the trial list.

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

ADAMS

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	286	19
Arbitrated Cases	14	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	40	10	11
New Cases Filed	51	4	1
Restored Cases	2	1	0
Arbitration Appeals	3	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	96	15	12
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	7	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	4	1	0
Settlement	64	4	9
Stricken	2	0	0
Other Disposition	1	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	78	5	9
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	18	10	3

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	4
7–12 Months	2
13–18 Months	12
19–24 Months	6
25–30 Months	1
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	3
Subtotal:	28

ALLEGHENY

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	4,420	382
Arbitrated Cases	4,962	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	4,323	169	745
New Cases Filed	3,428	112	1,078
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	1,314	2	102
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	9,065	283	1,925
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	229	0	19
Non-Jury Trial	364	0	42
Settlement	1,629	67	326
Stricken	10	0	2
Other Disposition	447	7	837
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	2,679	74	1,226
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	6,386	209	699

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	4,044
7–12 Months	1,619
13–18 Months	517
19–24 Months	111
25–30 Months	36
31–36 Months	33
Over 36 Months	235
Subtotal:	6,595

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

ARMSTRONG

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	131	18
Arbitrated Cases	17	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	26	9	9
New Cases Filed	26	6	12
Restored Cases	5	1	2
Arbitration Appeals	2	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	59	16	23
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	5	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	2	3	3
Settlement	29	7	6
Stricken	4	0	1
Other Disposition	10	0	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	50	10	12
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	9	6	11

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	9
7–12 Months	5
13–18 Months	1
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	15

BEAVER

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	673	77
Arbitrated Cases	113	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	27	3	6
New Cases Filed	188	11	49
Restored Cases	4	0	1
Arbitration Appeals	7	0	4
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	226	14	60
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	11	0	3
Non-Jury Trial	10	2	3
Settlement	69	6	17
Stricken	50	1	8
Other Disposition	5	0	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	145	9	32
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	81	5	28

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	64
7–12 Months	18
13–18 Months	3
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	1
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	86

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

BEDFORD

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	109	14
Arbitrated Cases	4	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	19	7	7
New Cases Filed	13	6	5
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	32	13	12
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	0	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	0	2	1
Settlement	9	1	2
Stricken	1	0	1
Other Disposition	1	1	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	11	4	4
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	21	9	8

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	10
7–12 Months	7
13–18 Months	2
19–24 Months	5
25–30 Months	2
31–36 Months	1
Over 36 Months	3
Subtotal:	30

BERKS

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	1,397	116
Arbitrated Cases	146	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	97	17	62
New Cases Filed	132	24	157
Restored Cases	3	1	1
Arbitration Appeals	26	0	2
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	258	42	222
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	12	0	9
Non-Jury Trial	8	0	5
Settlement	91	10	49
Stricken	10	0	6
Other Disposition	32	9	49
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	153	19	118
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	105	23	104

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	82
7–12 Months	33
13–18 Months	8
19–24 Months	4
25–30 Months	1
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	128

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

BLAIR

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	484	45
Arbitrated Cases	70	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	90	9	1
New Cases Filed	101	7	7
Restored Cases	2	1	0
Arbitration Appeals	0	0	4
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	193	17	12
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	13	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	8	3	0
Settlement	69	4	3
Stricken	13	1	0
Other Disposition	17	2	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	120	10	4
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	73	7	8

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	48
7–12 Months	12
13–18 Months	4
19–24 Months	4
25–30 Months	2
31–36 Months	3
Over 36 Months	7
Subtotal:	80

BRADFORD

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	285	25
Arbitrated Cases	24	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	58	2	1
New Cases Filed	52	1	0
Restored Cases	12	1	0
Arbitration Appeals	7	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	129	4	1
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	8	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	4	1	0
Settlement	35	0	0
Stricken	24	1	0
Other Disposition	6	1	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	77	3	0
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	52	1	1

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	37
7–12 Months	8
13–18 Months	5
19–24 Months	2
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	1
Subtotal:	53

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

BUCKS

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	5,970	136
Arbitrated Cases	551	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	162	8	74
New Cases Filed	451	65	312
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	110	1	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	723	74	386
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	69	1	5
Non-Jury Trial	33	14	125
Settlement	330	30	53
Stricken	111	13	37
Other Disposition	22	0	83
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	565	58	303
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	158	16	83

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	165
7–12 Months	9
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	174

BUTLER

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	796	54
Arbitrated Cases	110	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	92	21	24
New Cases Filed	115	34	44
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	17	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	224	55	68
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	18	0	1
Non-Jury Trial	3	13	5
Settlement	85	5	8
Stricken	0	0	0
Other Disposition	23	10	4
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	129	28	18
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	95	27	50

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	59
7–12 Months	42
13–18 Months	7
19–24 Months	7
25–30 Months	2
31–36 Months	1
Over 36 Months	4
Subtotal:	122

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

CAMBRIA

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	375	26
Arbitrated Cases	76	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	72	9	31
New Cases Filed	167	44	99
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	52	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	291	53	130
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	16	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	130	45	82
Settlement	96	0	26
Stricken	0	0	0
Other Disposition	3	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	245	45	108
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	46	8	22

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	24
7–12 Months	20
13–18 Months	5
19–24 Months	3
25–30 Months	1
31–36 Months	1
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	54

CAMERON-ELK

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	128	15
Arbitrated Cases	22	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	14	6	4
New Cases Filed	21	4	0
Restored Cases	1	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	9	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	45	10	4
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	3	1	1
Non-Jury Trial	2	3	1
Settlement	24	2	1
Stricken	0	0	0
Other Disposition	0	1	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	29	7	3
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	16	3	1

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	9
7–12 Months	6
13–18 Months	1
19–24 Months	2
25–30 Months	1
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	19

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

CARBON

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	189	24
Arbitrated Cases	25	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	16	4	5
New Cases Filed	27	13	5
Restored Cases	3	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	0	0	1
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	46	17	11
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	1	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	3	4	0
Settlement	21	8	5
Stricken	2	0	0
Other Disposition	5	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	32	12	5
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	14	5	6

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	10
7–12 Months	4
13–18 Months	3
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	2
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	19

CENTRE

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	338	13
Arbitrated Cases	72	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	61	4	4
New Cases Filed	103	7	9
Restored Cases	2	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	13	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	179	11	13
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	4	0	1
Non-Jury Trial	10	0	4
Settlement	82	3	0
Stricken	5	0	1
Other Disposition	23	0	6
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	124	3	12
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	55	8	1

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	43
7–12 Months	16
13–18 Months	1
19–24 Months	3
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	63

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

CHESTER

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	1,859	134
Arbitrated Cases	350	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	224	50	13
New Cases Filed	253	27	12
Restored Cases	50	1	1
Arbitration Appeals	13	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	558	78	26
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	32	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	14	10	0
Settlement	201	28	11
Stricken	39	2	0
Other Disposition	36	22	6
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	322	62	17
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	236	16	9

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	151
7–12 Months	61
13–18 Months	29
19–24 Months	6
25–30 Months	3
31–36 Months	1
Over 36 Months	1
Subtotal:	252

CLARION

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	157	6
Arbitrated Cases	22	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	8	0	0
New Cases Filed	23	1	0
Restored Cases	10	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	41	1	0
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	3	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	3	0	0
Settlement	23	1	0
Stricken	2	0	0
Other Disposition	4	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	35	1	0
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	6	0	0

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	4
7–12 Months	1
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	1
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	6

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

CLEARFIELD

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	561	30
Arbitrated Cases	33	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	18	0	0
New Cases Filed	47	3	6
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	65	3	6
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	7	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	3	0	0
Settlement	21	0	0
Stricken	2	0	0
Other Disposition	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	33	0	0
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	32	3	6

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	29
7–12 Months	6
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	35

CLINTON

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	402	12
Arbitrated Cases	16	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	18	3	5
New Cases Filed	25	3	1
Restored Cases	1	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	44	6	6
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	1	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	1	0	0
Settlement	7	0	4
Stricken	0	0	0
Other Disposition	2	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	11	0	4
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	33	6	2

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	10
7–12 Months	12
13–18 Months	7
19–24 Months	2
25–30 Months	1
31–36 Months	2
Over 36 Months	5
Subtotal:	39

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

COLUMBIA-MONTOUR

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	322	53
Arbitrated Cases	67	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	48	9	36
New Cases Filed	61	14	16
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	9	2	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	118	25	52
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	5	0	2
Non-Jury Trial	12	7	3
Settlement	29	9	13
Stricken	0	0	19
Other Disposition	2	1	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	48	17	38
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	70	8	14

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	46
7–12 Months	14
13–18 Months	5
19–24 Months	1
25–30 Months	3
31–36 Months	3
Over 36 Months	6
Subtotal:	78

CRAWFORD

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	1,121	27
Arbitrated Cases	26	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	8	5	4
New Cases Filed	59	9	1
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	2	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	69	14	5
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	7	0	1
Non-Jury Trial	4	5	1
Settlement	32	0	0
Stricken	0	0	0
Other Disposition	3	0	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	46	5	4
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	23	9	1

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	24
7–12 Months	6
13–18 Months	2
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	32

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

CUMBERLAND

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	1,789	63
Arbitrated Cases	81	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	61	12	9
New Cases Filed	122	16	13
Restored Cases	2	0	2
Arbitration Appeals	1	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	186	28	24
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	13	0	1
Non-Jury Trial	10	4	2
Settlement	60	9	15
Stricken	18	0	0
Other Disposition	31	4	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	132	17	20
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	54	11	4

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	63
7–12 Months	1
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	1
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	65

DAUPHIN

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	2,202	78
Arbitrated Cases	158	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	54	10	0
New Cases Filed	302	21	5
Restored Cases	165	2	0
Arbitration Appeals	29	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	550	33	5
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	46	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	66	27	4
Settlement	106	0	0
Stricken	183	0	0
Other Disposition	17	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	418	27	4
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	132	6	1

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	6
7–12 Months	132
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	138

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

DELAWARE

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	5,058	558
Arbitrated Cases	652	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	547	72	111
New Cases Filed	1,413	87	201
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	174	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	2,134	159	312
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	81	1	23
Non-Jury Trial	52	12	15
Settlement	1,319	60	148
Stricken	71	13	19
Other Disposition	66	3	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	1,589	89	208
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	545	70	104

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	289
7–12 Months	111
13–18 Months	86
19–24 Months	43
25–30 Months	31
31–36 Months	18
Over 36 Months	37
Subtotal:	615

ERIE

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	1,305	72
Arbitrated Cases	158	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	3	0	0
New Cases Filed	98	9	17
Restored Cases	78	1	26
Arbitration Appeals	0	2	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	179	12	43
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	13	0	1
Non-Jury Trial	5	2	4
Settlement	51	4	2
Stricken	5	2	1
Other Disposition	10	3	6
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	84	11	14
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	95	1	29

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	82
7–12 Months	13
13–18 Months	1
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	96

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

FAYETTE

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	553	25
Arbitrated Cases	69	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	30	1	3
New Cases Filed	61	4	45
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	10	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	101	5	48
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	7	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	7	0	23
Settlement	33	1	9
Stricken	2	0	5
Other Disposition	8	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	57	1	37
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	44	4	11

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	32
7–12 Months	15
13–18 Months	1
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	48

FOREST-WARREN

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	151	17
Arbitrated Cases	15	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	32	1	5
New Cases Filed	32	5	2
Restored Cases	1	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	3	0	1
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	68	6	8
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	5	0	1
Non-Jury Trial	6	0	0
Settlement	38	5	2
Stricken	2	0	2
Other Disposition	4	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	55	5	5
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	13	1	3

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	2
7–12 Months	3
13–18 Months	4
19–24 Months	1
25–30 Months	2
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	2
Subtotal:	14

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

FRANKLIN-FULTON

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	193	25
Arbitrated Cases	26	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	48	5	16
New Cases Filed	60	7	3
Restored Cases	2	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	1	0	2
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	111	12	21
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	5	0	1
Non-Jury Trial	5	2	1
Settlement	47	2	15
Stricken	26	1	2
Other Disposition	5	0	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	88	5	21
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	23	7	0

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	20
7–12 Months	6
13–18 Months	1
19–24 Months	3
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	30

GREENE

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	160	13
Arbitrated Cases	9	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	0	0	0
New Cases Filed	28	6	1
Restored Cases	5	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	6	0	1
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	39	6	2
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	7	0	1
Non-Jury Trial	2	0	0
Settlement	15	1	0
Stricken	0	0	0
Other Disposition	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	24	1	1
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	15	5	1

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	9
7–12 Months	9
13–18 Months	2
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	20

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

HUNTINGDON

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	98	17
Arbitrated Cases	14	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	17	2	6
New Cases Filed	39	3	9
Restored Cases	1	1	0
Arbitration Appeals	4	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	61	6	15
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	9	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	2	0	0
Settlement	16	0	0
Stricken	1	0	0
Other Disposition	8	2	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	36	2	3
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	25	4	12

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	16
7–12 Months	9
13–18 Months	1
19–24 Months	3
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	29

INDIANA

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	250	35
Arbitrated Cases	38	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	11	1	0
New Cases Filed	51	10	2
Restored Cases	6	1	0
Arbitration Appeals	2	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	70	12	2
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	8	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	10	6	0
Settlement	26	0	0
Stricken	0	0	0
Other Disposition	1	2	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	45	8	2
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	25	4	0

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	26
7–12 Months	1
13–18 Months	2
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	29

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

JEFFERSON

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	131	16
Arbitrated Cases	17	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	7	2	7
New Cases Filed	17	5	6
Restored Cases	1	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	2	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	27	7	13
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	2	0	2
Non-Jury Trial	1	2	2
Settlement	9	1	5
Stricken	6	2	0
Other Disposition	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	18	5	9
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	9	2	4

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	7
7–12 Months	2
13–18 Months	1
19–24 Months	1
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	11

JUNIATA-PERRY

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	79	9
Arbitrated Cases	9	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	17	11	7
New Cases Filed	17	2	2
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	1	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	35	13	9
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	3	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	4	1	0
Settlement	11	8	7
Stricken	2	1	1
Other Disposition	6	1	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	26	11	8
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	9	2	1

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	7
7–12 Months	3
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	1
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	11

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

LACKAWANNA

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	1,432	92
Arbitrated Cases	153	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	90	6	3
New Cases Filed	303	20	29
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	31	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	424	26	32
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	42	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	37	12	11
Settlement	210	8	5
Stricken	30	2	0
Other Disposition	20	1	7
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	339	23	23
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	85	3	9

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	80
7–12 Months	8
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	88

LANCASTER

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	2,540	59
Arbitrated Cases	209	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	24	6	0
New Cases Filed	115	11	1
Restored Cases	2	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	9	0	18
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	150	17	19
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	18	0	1
Non-Jury Trial	6	6	0
Settlement	78	5	1
Stricken	6	1	0
Other Disposition	2	1	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	110	13	2
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	40	4	17

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	38
7–12 Months	6
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	44

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

LAWRENCE

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	428	154
Arbitrated Cases	55	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	114	9	12
New Cases Filed	60	5	19
Restored Cases	3	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	4	0	1
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	181	14	32
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	1	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	2	2	0
Settlement	56	5	4
Stricken	2	0	0
Other Disposition	2	0	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	63	7	5
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	118	7	27

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	36
7–12 Months	30
13–18 Months	32
19–24 Months	21
25–30 Months	1
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	5
Subtotal:	125

LEBANON

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	392	24
Arbitrated Cases	37	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	24	2	2
New Cases Filed	45	6	2
Restored Cases	3	0	1
Arbitration Appeals	6	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	78	8	5
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	7	0	1
Non-Jury Trial	14	0	1
Settlement	18	1	0
Stricken	5	0	0
Other Disposition	17	2	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	61	3	5
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	17	5	0

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	16
7–12 Months	2
13–18 Months	3
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	1
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	22

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

LEHIGH

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	1,724	108
Arbitrated Cases	309	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	232	26	18
New Cases Filed	237	26	21
Restored Cases	11	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	33	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	513	52	39
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	15	0	2
Non-Jury Trial	21	6	6
Settlement	115	9	2
Stricken	31	4	8
Other Disposition	16	2	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	198	21	18
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	315	31	21

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	169
7–12 Months	98
13–18 Months	45
19–24 Months	22
25–30 Months	11
31–36 Months	1
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	346

LUZERNE

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	1,806	123
Arbitrated Cases	248	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	258	44	47
New Cases Filed	261	32	27
Restored Cases	23	1	2
Arbitration Appeals	42	1	1
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	584	78	77
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	30	7	4
Non-Jury Trial	6	0	4
Settlement	92	10	7
Stricken	0	0	0
Other Disposition	147	7	24
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	275	24	39
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	309	54	38

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	188
7–12 Months	98
13–18 Months	26
19–24 Months	15
25–30 Months	12
31–36 Months	8
Over 36 Months	16
Subtotal:	363

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

LYCOMING

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	746	28
Arbitrated Cases	65	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	54	9	17
New Cases Filed	122	13	23
Restored Cases	5	0	4
Arbitration Appeals	10	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	191	22	44
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	9	2	2
Non-Jury Trial	4	3	6
Settlement	86	6	22
Stricken	7	0	1
Other Disposition	20	4	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	126	15	33
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	65	7	11

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	57
7–12 Months	10
13–18 Months	4
19–24 Months	1
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	72

MCKEAN

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	235	11
Arbitrated Cases	10	—

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	20	4	0
New Cases Filed	27	8	1
Restored Cases	12	1	0
Arbitration Appeals	6	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	65	13	1
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	2	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	8	1	0
Settlement	15	2	0
Stricken	18	5	1
Other Disposition	15	1	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	58	9	1
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	7	4	0

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	11
7–12 Months	0
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	11

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

MERCER

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	370	32
Arbitrated Cases	27	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	17	1	3
New Cases Filed	61	7	12
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	1	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	79	8	15
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	5	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	1	0	1
Settlement	46	3	5
Stricken	2	0	0
Other Disposition	6	1	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	60	4	9
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	19	4	6

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	21
7–12 Months	2
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	23

MIFFLIN

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	68	13
Arbitrated Cases	6	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	6	1	24
New Cases Filed	31	0	40
Restored Cases	2	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	39	1	64
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	2	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	3	0	0
Settlement	12	0	33
Stricken	3	0	9
Other Disposition	2	0	5
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	22	0	47
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	17	1	17

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	15
7–12 Months	1
13–18 Months	2
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	18

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

MONROE

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	664	40
Arbitrated Cases	113	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	11	2	7
New Cases Filed	71	5	22
Restored Cases	17	0	1
Arbitration Appeals	9	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	108	7	30
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	6	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	9	1	6
Settlement	50	0	14
Stricken	8	0	1
Other Disposition	4	1	7
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	77	2	28
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	31	5	2

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	31
7–12 Months	4
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	1
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	36

MONTGOMERY

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	5,964	249
Arbitrated Cases	554	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	949	86	152
New Cases Filed	477	50	227
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	183		0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	1,609	136	379
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	106	6	8
Non-Jury Trial	22	11	19
Settlement	563	39	76
Stricken	33	6	72
Other Disposition	15	0	6
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	739	62	181
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	870	74	198

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	268
7–12 Months	340
13–18 Months	185
19–24 Months	54
25–30 Months	27
31–36 Months	20
Over 36 Months	50
Subtotal:	944

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

NORTHAMPTON

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	1,304	87
Arbitrated Cases	236	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	42	7	25
New Cases Filed	200	25	91
Restored Cases	79	12	22
Arbitration Appeals	36	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	357	44	138
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	27	0	1
Non-Jury Trial	34	10	27
Settlement	182	28	76
Stricken	11	2	11
Other Disposition	6	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	260	40	115
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	97	4	23

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	99
7–12 Months	2
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	101

NORTHUMBERLAND

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	175	19
Arbitrated Cases	22	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	24	1	17
New Cases Filed	32	6	9
Restored Cases	5	0	2
Arbitration Appeals	3	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	64	7	28
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	8	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	4	0	0
Settlement	36	3	15
Stricken	1	0	0
Other Disposition	2	0	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	51	3	17
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	13	4	11

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	11
7–12 Months	5
13–18 Months	1
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	17

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

PHILADELPHIA

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	43,808	925
Arbitrated Cases	26,388	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	26,945	2,612	985
New Cases Filed	12,361	925	2,710
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	2,219	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	41,525	3,537	3,695
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	233	3	7
Non-Jury Trial	252	41	15
Settlement	11,572	1,373	708
Stricken	872	528	126
Other Disposition	545	32	1,148
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	13,474	1,977	2,004
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	28,051	1,560	1,691

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	373
7–12 Months	5,952
13–18 Months	5,798
19–24 Months	5,290
25–30 Months	4,777
31–36 Months	3,356
Over 36 Months	4,065
Subtotal:	29,611

PIKE

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	205	21
Arbitrated Cases	9	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	5	0	0
New Cases Filed	23	0	0
Restored Cases	5	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	3	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	36	0	0
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	2	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	2	0	0
Settlement	18	0	0
Stricken	3	0	0
Other Disposition	2	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	27	0	0
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	9	0	0

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	9
7–12 Months	0
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	9

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

POTTER

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	66	9
Arbitrated Cases	9	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	0	1	0
New Cases Filed	8	3	0
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	5	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	13	4	0
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	8	1	0
Non-Jury Trial	1	1	0
Settlement	2	2	0
Stricken	0	0	0
Other Disposition	2	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	13	4	0
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	0	0	0

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	0
7–12 Months	0
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	0

SCHUYLKILL

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	962	20
Arbitrated Cases	89	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	66	0	0
New Cases Filed	137	7	6
Restored Cases	27	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	13	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	243	7	6
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	12	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	11	1	1
Settlement	99	1	0
Stricken	48	0	0
Other Disposition	7	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	177	2	1
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	66	5	5

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	48
7–12 Months	20
13–18 Months	3
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	71

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

SNYDER-UNION

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	165	10
Arbitrated Cases	14	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	33	9	7
New Cases Filed	35	3	9
Restored Cases	1	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	69	12	16
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	0	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	4	3	0
Settlement	18	1	3
Stricken	0	0	0
Other Disposition	5	2	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	27	6	6
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	42	6	10

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	13
7–12 Months	12
13–18 Months	9
19–24 Months	6
25–30 Months	3
31–36 Months	1
Over 36 Months	4
Subtotal:	48

SOMERSET

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	55	4
Arbitrated Cases	31	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	13	2	0
New Cases Filed	53	4	0
Restored Cases	1	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	1	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	68	6	0
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	4	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	10	3	0
Settlement	16	0	0
Stricken	4	1	0
Other Disposition	9	1	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	43	5	0
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	25	1	0

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	6
7–12 Months	20
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	26

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

SULLIVAN-WYOMING

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	346	13
Arbitrated Cases	11	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	6	0	0
New Cases Filed	27	5	2
Restored Cases	14	1	0
Arbitration Appeals	3	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	50	6	2
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	3	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	7	2	0
Settlement	3	0	1
Stricken	26	1	0
Other Disposition	6	1	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	45	4	2
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	5	2	0

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	7
7–12 Months	0
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	7

SUSQUEHANNA

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	151	19
Arbitrated Cases	19	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	86	8	13
New Cases Filed	30	1	2
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	2	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	118	9	15
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	3	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	1	0	0
Settlement	13	0	0
Stricken	5	0	0
Other Disposition	68	6	13
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	90	6	13
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	28	3	2

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	20
7–12 Months	0
13–18 Months	3
19–24 Months	2
25–30 Months	1
31–36 Months	3
Over 36 Months	2
Subtotal:	31

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

TIOGA

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	86	5
Arbitrated Cases	9	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	18	0	0
New Cases Filed	20	3	0
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	38	3	0
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	2	1	0
Non-Jury Trial	0	0	0
Settlement	9	1	0
Stricken	2	0	0
Other Disposition	4	1	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	17	3	0
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	21	0	0

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	7
7–12 Months	7
13–18 Months	2
19–24 Months	3
25–30 Months	1
31–36 Months	1
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	21

VENANGO

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	192	7
Arbitrated Cases	20	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	22	2	6
New Cases Filed	39	2	4
Restored Cases	1	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	2	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	64	4	10
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	8	0	1
Non-Jury Trial	1	0	0
Settlement	34	4	4
Stricken	0	0	0
Other Disposition	13	0	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	56	4	7
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	8	0	3

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	8
7–12 Months	0
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	8

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

WASHINGTON

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	599	96
Arbitrated Cases	258	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	52	0	0
New Cases Filed	142	17	0
Restored Cases	1	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	24	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	219	17	0
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	28	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	12	0	0
Settlement	116	1	0
Stricken	3	0	0
Other Disposition	13	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	172	1	0
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	47	16	0

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	62
7–12 Months	1
13–18 Months	0
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	63

WAYNE

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	280	22
Arbitrated Cases	35	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	16	0	0
New Cases Filed	74	2	2
Restored Cases	3	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	1	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	94	2	2
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	3	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	11	1	0
Settlement	63	1	2
Stricken	6	0	0
Other Disposition	5	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	88	2	2
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	6	0	0

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	4
7–12 Months	1
13–18 Months	1
19–24 Months	0
25–30 Months	0
31–36 Months	0
Over 36 Months	0
Subtotal:	6

Table 13
Civil Filings, Dispositions, and Inventory by County

WESTMORELAND

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	1,700	103
Arbitrated Cases	288	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	116	36	4
New Cases Filed	444	68	49
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	51	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	611	104	53
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	23	1	0
Non-Jury Trial	20	9	3
Settlement	318	15	8
Stricken	1	0	0
Other Disposition	18	3	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	380	28	11
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	231	76	42

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	163
7–12 Months	91
13–18 Months	33
19–24 Months	9
25–30 Months	7
31–36 Months	1
Over 36 Months	3
Subtotal:	307

YORK

	Civil Actions	Equity
Docketed Cases	2,435	124
Arbitrated Cases	254	

Trial-Ready Cases	Civil Actions	Equity	Other
Cases Pending, 1/1/85	97	5	0
New Cases Filed	142	14	26
Restored Cases	0	0	0
Arbitration Appeals	29	0	2
Subtotal: Cases Available for Disposition	268	19	28
Cases Disposed By:			
Jury Trial	35	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	8	2	2
Settlement	79	0	2
Stricken	0	0	0
Other Disposition	14	1	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	136	3	7
Cases Pending, 12/31/85	132	16	21

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/85 (Civil Actions and Equity Cases Only)

0– 6 Months	87
7–12 Months	23
13–18 Months	9
19–24 Months	6
25–30 Months	10
31–36 Months	6
Over 36 Months	7
Subtotal:	148

FAMILY COURT—1985

Family Court continues to be an area of major activity among the divisions of common pleas court. Table 14 provides a breakdown of Family Court filings and dispositions by casetype. Support cases, both AFDC and Non-AFDC, comprised over 50 percent of filings and almost 59 percent of dispositions. Divorce cases followed the two Support categories as the next most active with over 48,000 complaints filed in 1985. Altogether, 264,984 cases were filed in Family Court in 1985.

The contributions of non-judicial personnel were significant as adjudications by Hearing Officers, Intake Officers, and Masters accounted for 59 percent (144,920) of the 245,572 cases processed in 1985. Adjudications by judges amounted to 35 percent (87,248) of total cases processed.

Table 14

	SUPPORT		CUSTODY/		JUVENILE	
	AFDC	NON-AFDC	VISITATION	DIVORCE*	DEPEND.	DELINQ.
Cases Filed	67,397	81,545	20,189	48,030	9,379	38,444
Cases Processed	62,570	79,469	17,803	40,956	8,956	35,818
Processed by:						
Intake Officer	4,988	5,875	363	1,189	201	12,084
Hearing Officer	39,849	46,965	3,853	76	822	850
Master	4,315	8,955	3,763	4,265	1,966	4,541
Judge	11,766	13,784	8,335	29,894	5,381	18,088
Other	1,652	3,890	1,489	1,136	586	255

* Breakdown will not add to 40,956. Philadelphia's 4,396 Divorce dispositions are not detailed.

FAMILY GLOSSARY

"AFDC" Acronym for **"Aid to Families with Dependent Children."** This is a form of public aid for which there is a federal contribution and for which eligibility is based on the death or disability of a parent, the continuous absence of a parent from the home or the unemployment of the parent who is the principal earner.

"CUSTODY" The legal right to keep, control, guard, care for and preserve a child.

"DELINQUENCY" An act committed by an individual under the age of 18 which has been designated as a crime under Pennsylvania Law or under local ordinances. (See 42 Pa.C.S.A. Sec. 6302 for a more extensive definition.)

"DEPENDENCY" The absence of the proper parental care or supervision necessary for the physical, mental, or emotional or moral health of an individual under 18 years of age. (See 42 Pa.C.S.A. Sec. 6302 for a more extensive definition.)

"JUVENILE INTAKE OFFICER The probation officer assigned to accept and process referrals in juvenile delinquency cases.

"PARTIAL CUSTODY" The right to take possession of a child from the custodial person for a period of time.

"SUPPORT" Those cases in which a complaint has been filed requesting the court to require maintenance of a spouse or child by a person required by law to provide such maintenance.

"VISITATION" The right to visit a child, but does not include the right to remove a child from the custodial person's control.

Table 15
Family Court Filings and Cases Processed by County

ADAMS

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	353	802	70	242	82	179
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	46	211	0	0	0	35
Hearing Officer	131	269	0	0	0	17
Master	0	0	0	1	0	0
Judge	123	216	0	223	73	122
Other	0	0	4	6	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	300	696	4	230	73	174

ALLEGHENY

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	9,519	7,256	1,722	4,844	644	6,599
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	2,322	3,272	299	0	0	3,102
Hearing Officer	7,213	3,747	0	0	0	720
Master	0	0	294	131	[illegible]	880
Judge	55	367	1,111	4,003	624	1,765
Other	0	0	0	0	1	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	9,590	7,386	1,704	4,134	625	6,467

ARMSTRONG

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	223	241	120	238	39	141
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	107
Hearing Officer	230	206	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	10	0	0
Judge	5	28	112	220	35	36
Other	0	4	6	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	235	238	118	230	35	143

BEAVER

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	1,462	1,331	229	674	91	458
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	183	14	0	0	18	346
Hearing Officer	995	1,093	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	0	58	91
Judge	89	206	1	588	11	7
Other	0	0	220	0	3	11
Subtotal: Cases Processed	1,267	1,313	221	588	90	455

Table 15
Family Court Filings and Cases Processed by County

BEDFORD

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	228	333	73	156	19	49
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	16	28	0	0	0	29
Hearing Officer	107	153	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	1	0	0
Judge	19	38	33	137	17	17
Other	37	40	30	0	2	1
Subtotal: Cases Processed	179	259	63	138	19	47

BERKS

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	1,527	1,052	435	1,280	172	1,063
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	274
Hearing Officer	619	692	128	0	0	33
Master	215	384	18	0	0	69
Judge	51	89	291	1,012	18	557
Other	214	261	65	102	7	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	1,099	1,426	502	1,114	25	933

BLAIR

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	641	865	242	555	61	567
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	5	90
Hearing Officer	517	594	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	5	0	179
Judge	36	173	70	387	55	224
Other	0	49	19	0	0	74
Subtotal: Cases Processed	553	816	89	392	60	567

BRADFORD

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	319	342	153	290	62	149
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	25	33	0	0	0	84
Hearing Officer	199	72	0	0	0	0
Master	46	124	76	54	51	32
Judge	0	4	12	180	2	2
Other	3	8	0	28	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	273	241	88	262	53	118

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BUCKS

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	680	2,526	871	1,852	165	1,001
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	15	342
Hearing Officer	602	1,360	0	0	0	28
Master	0	0	216	1,861	0	0
Judge	66	493	199	0	146	485
Other	0	0	287	0	3	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	668	1,853	702	1,861	164	855

BUTLER

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	559	1,002	190	632	126	269
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	56
Hearing Officer	519	968	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	150	10	108	180
Judge	15	141	17	497	0	4
Other	0	2	19	37	3	7
Subtotal: Cases Processed	534	1,111	186	544	111	247

CAMBRIA

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	495	364	305	407	120	353
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	135
Hearing Officer	340	196	0	0	0	0
Master	97	135	169	0	14	227
Judge	37	34	109	401	85	14
Other	0	0	0	0	2	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	474	365	278	401	101	376

CAMERON-ELK

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	159	90	33	4,671	43	139
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	20	0	2	0	0	112
Hearing Officer	120	125	21	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	0	9	0
Judge	4	1	9	4007	34	31
Other	0	0	0	470	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	144	126	32	4,477	43	143

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CARBON

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	411	692	50	168	53	110
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	48
Hearing Officer	226	466	2	0	0	0
Master	14	36	7	6	0	0
Judge	16	32	11	119	34	18
Other	61	113	3	3	16	20
Subtotal: Cases Processed	317	647	23	128	50	86

CENTRE

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	702	1,401	81	428	155	152
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	37
Hearing Officer	494	1,162	0	0	0	0
Master	47	86	4	0	0	0
Judge	2	7	75	359	155	105
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1
Subtotal: Cases Processed	543	1,255	79	359	155	143

CHESTER

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	1,017	1,437	318	1,306	791	928
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	268
Hearing Officer	371	478	0	0	786	0
Master	280	638	231	91	0	159
Judge	3	52	65	963	0	33
Other	59	178	0	0	0	74
Subtotal: Cases Processed	713	1,346	296	1,054	786	534

CLARION

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	223	261	19	156	10	68
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	122	92	0	0	1	34
Hearing Officer	99	87	0	0	1	4
Master	1	22	0	0	0	0
Judge	0	0	15	109	9	24
Other	0	0	0	15	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	222	201	15	124	11	62

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CLEARFIELD

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	279	305	3	32	11	199
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	85
Hearing Officer	135	268	1	0	0	3
Master	0	0	0	0	0	0
Judge	31	51	1	18	3	76
Other	4	19	0	0	0	9
Subtotal: Cases Processed	170	338	2	18	3	170

CLINTON

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	177	247	38	143	17	42
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hearing Officer	82	91	2	0	0	0
Master	47	66	11	10	0	0
Judge	4	10	14	132	10	41
Other	11	28	3	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	144	195	30	142	10	41

COLUMBIA-MONTOUR

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	345	400	110	415	73	60
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	22	38	0	0	1	17
Hearing Officer	206	203	7	0	10	4
Master	38	36	69	249	19	1
Judge	39	72	25	57	42	39
Other	18	24	1	1	3	1
Subtotal: Cases Processed	323	373	102	307	75	62

CRAWFORD

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	474	303	190	369	69	209
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	226	17	0	0	0	33
Hearing Officer	189	172	16	0	0	0
Master	0	0	14	0	13	42
Judge	13	51	52	299	39	105
Other	0	10	39	2	3	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	428	250	121	301	55	180

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CUMBERLAND

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	564	2,163	146	803	94	310
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	204
Hearing Officer	423	1,673	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	10	0	0
Judge	1	103	146	679	93	102
Other	15	74	0	11	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	439	1,850	146	700	93	306

DAUPHIN

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	1,491	2,743	257	917	109	587
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	324
Hearing Officer	436	1,560	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	118	38	81	85
Judge	27	165	37	794	1	278
Other	155	662	31	0	27	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	618	2,387	186	832	109	687

DELAWARE

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	1,414	4,930	625	2,438	387	1,285
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	41	1,094	0	330
Hearing Officer	134	1,605	9	53	0	0
Master	1,089	2,701	350	312	233	689
Judge	86	492	131	48	46	204
Other	127	180	0	0	30	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	1,436	4,978	531	1,507	309	1,223

ERIE

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	2,924	3,456	614	1,224	184	1,259
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	206	315	0	0	24	440
Hearing Officer	2,518	2,909	479	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	15	127	795
Judge	103	219	44	928	9	14
Other	4	1	90	27	19	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	2,891	3,444	613	970	179	1,249

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FAYETTE

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	1,405	713	251	593	69	699
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	408
Hearing Officer	870	560	46	0	0	0
Master	0	0	121	447	0	0
Judge	62	95	52	0	69	261
Other	0	0	0	1	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	932	655	219	448	69	669

FOREST-WARREN

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	215	346	38	184	54	59
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	39	46	0	0	0	14
Hearing Officer	64	132	3	0	14	24
Master	0	0	26	0	17	12
Judge	8	21	10	202	24	8
Other	81	104	3	49	1	3
Subtotal: Cases Processed	192	303	42	251	56	61

FRANKLIN-FULTON

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	1,163	1,215	75	569	31	102
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	540	352	0	0	0	0
Hearing Officer	425	495	3	0	0	3
Master	0	0	0	16	0	0
Judge	119	169	69	482	35	92
Other	0	0	4	41	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	1,084	1,016	76	539	35	95

GREENE

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	155	57	40	219	31	40
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hearing Officer	19	0	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	11	0	0
Judge	129	43	34	158	34	45
Other	24	4	3	10	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	172	47	37	179	34	45

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HUNTINGDON

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	110	178	39	163	18	75
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	10	18	0	0	0	32
Hearing Officer	89	143	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	0	1	0
Judge	1	7	25	128	17	29
Other	0	0	0	11	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	100	168	25	139	18	61

INDIANA

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	164	306	144	256	44	181
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	84
Hearing Officer	154	315	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	116	0	0
Judge	3	9	98	192	43	48
Other	0	4	0	0	0	41
Subtotal: Cases Processed	157	328	98	208	43	173

JEFFERSON

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	219	238	65	170	36	139
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	55
Hearing Officer	186	383	0	0	0	2
Master	0	0	7	1	0	0
Judge	0	1	18	133	33	68
Other	0	0	23	11	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	186	384	48	145	33	125

JUNIATA-PERRY

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	160	301	56	213	23	50
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	10	10	0	0	0	0
Hearing Officer	76	174	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	0	0	0
Judge	6	3	51	165	17	46
Other	0	0	0	1	0	1
Subtotal: Cases Processed	92	187	51	166	17	47

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LACKAWANNA

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	896	701	126	792	108	364
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	53
Hearing Officer	757	516	0	0	0	0
Master	59	206	70	49	0	0
Judge	0	0	0	568	109	297
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1
Subtotal: Cases Processed	816	722	70	617	109	351

LANCASTER

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	3,983	3,883	375	1,416	87	823
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	322
Hearing Officer	3,545	3,278	0	0	0	0
Master	341	333	0	184	0	0
Judge	76	259	222	939	70	416
Other	0	0	16	45	3	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	3,962	3,870	238	1,168	73	738

LAWRENCE

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	810	565	92	387	81	93
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hearing Officer	580	451	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	12	76	13
Judge	17	55	19	268	7	68
Other	57	43	30	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	654	549	49	280	83	81

LEBANON

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	413	1,618	213	488	76	268
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	201
Hearing Officer	266	1,042	61	0	0	0
Master	57	273	0	19	0	0
Judge	7	26	13	439	68	59
Other	0	7	82	5	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	330	1,348	156	463	68	260

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LEHIGH

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	842	2,412	473	1,310	148	937
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	185	0	0	0	290
Hearing Officer	602	1,572	16	0	0	0
Master	0	0	127	37	0	165
Judge	56	197	60	980	141	319
Other	115	309	149	2	7	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	773	2,263	352	1,019	148	774

LUZERNE

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	1,399	1,532	774	1,007	971	924
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	728
Hearing Officer	1,413	1,503	0	0	0	0
Master	63	187	505	29	287	0
Judge	10	57	269	740	403	123
Other	7	36	0	0	281	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	1,493	1,783	774	769	971	851

LYCOMING

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	966	1,238	282	563	97	468
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	59	59	0	0	0	251
Hearing Officer	826	1,176	45	0	0	0
Master	58	169	174	45	81	0
Judge	8	17	37	422	13	178
Other	29	46	0	0	3	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	980	1,467	256	467	97	429

MCKEAN

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	396	523	76	136	86	68
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	39	63	0	0	0	0
Hearing Officer	297	372	16	0	0	0
Master	2	17	0	4	27	6
Judge	0	10	2	18	32	58
Other	0	2	39	150	19	4
Subtotal: Cases Processed	338	464	57	172	78	68

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MERCER

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	1,395	829	69	470	153	300
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	532	164	0	0	0	88
Hearing Officer	814	586	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	3	0	1
Judge	48	78	49	387	149	151
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	1,394	828	49	390	149	240

MIFFLIN

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	362	497	78	165	8	35
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	6
Hearing Officer	220	313	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	5	0	0
Judge	48	76	62	142	8	25
Other	55	67	1	1	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	323	456	63	148	8	31

MONROE

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	114	387	96	277	37	147
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hearing Officer	77	250	1	0	0	3
Master	15	53	59	23	0	120
Judge	5	25	9	190	33	17
Other	3	7	5	5	0	3
Subtotal: Cases Processed	100	335	74	218	33	144

MONTGOMERY

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	902	4,840	829	2,047	293	1,451
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	6	473
Hearing Officer	427	2,308	39	0	0	0
Master	406	837	468	0	119	0
Judge	7	213	318	1,947	148	650
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	840	3,358	825	1,947	273	1,123

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NORTHAMPTON

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	1,036	2,057	462	956	225	637
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	10	45	0	0	0	247
Hearing Officer	800	1,740	0	0	9	0
Master	17	96	444	144	216	59
Judge	22	132	33	706	0	303
Other	3	38	0	10	0	3
Subtotal: Cases Processed	852	2,051	477	860	225	612

NORTHUMBERLAND

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	236	327	79	304	41	344
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	285
Hearing Officer	188	278	45	1	0	0
Master	0	0	5	0	0	0
Judge	3	1	4	259	39	47
Other	23	26	9	0	2	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	214	305	63	260	41	332

PHILADELPHIA

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce*	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	17,104	11,508	6,156	5,715	2,066	10,705
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	780
Hearing Officer	7,412	4,933	1,848	0	0	0
Master	1,406	2,480	0	0	0	0
Judge	9,382	6,610	3,771	0	2,015	9,643
Other	0	13	0	0	126	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	18,200	14,036	5,619	4,396	2,141	10,423

PIKE

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	0	122	12	75	8	16
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hearing Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	1	0	0
Judge	0	67	8	64	7	12
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	0	68	8	65	7	12

*A disposition breakdown was not available for Philadelphia Divorce Cases.

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POTTER

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	52	33	25	73	10	40
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	15
Hearing Officer	50	29	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	0	0	0
Judge	4	5	23	75	10	18
Other	0	0	1	0	0	3
Subtotal: Cases Processed	54	34	24	75	10	36

SCHUYLKILL

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	541	787	126	455	69	304
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	172
Hearing Officer	391	641	126	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	73	0	0
Judge	126	163	0	313	61	146
Other	0	0	0	0	7	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	517	804	126	386	68	318

SNYDER-UNION

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	112	205	49	275	36	80
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	6	2	0	15	24
Hearing Officer	60	114	16	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	6	0	0
Judge	48	54	23	199	20	52
Other	8	15	1	8	1	2
Subtotal: Cases Processed	116	189	42	213	36	78

SOMERSET

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	292	448	59	250	42	213
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	19	0	19	104
Hearing Officer	111	193	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	0	11	0
Judge	0	0	24	231	12	54
Other	67	192	18	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	178	385	61	231	42	158

Table 15
Family Court Filings and Cases Processed by County

SULLIVAN-WYOMING

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	180	175	15	195	33	78
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	86	45	0	0	0	0
Hearing Officer	2	55	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	0	0	0
Judge	60	81	13	109	26	84
Other	7	6	3	4	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	155	187	16	113	26	84

SUSQUEHANNA

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	163	137	21	142	15	50
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hearing Officer	17	20	0	0	2	0
Master	0	0	0	0	0	0
Judge	107	98	16	115	8	30
Other	52	24	0	9	15	63
Subtotal: Cases Processed	176	142	16	124	25	93

TIOGA

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	234	245	505	102	21	109
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	0	1	39
Hearing Officer	100	196	222	0	0	0
Master	6	29	11	177	1	0
Judge	7	78	25	10	19	72
Other	10	74	1	0	2	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	123	377	259	187	23	111

VENANGO

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	423	592	65	207	21	103
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	88	86	0	0	0	71
Hearing Officer	125	179	0	0	0	0
Master	7	14	17	3	0	0
Judge	3	45	48	179	21	21
Other	103	162	0	27	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	326	486	65	209	21	92

Table 15
Family Court Filings and Cases Processed by County

WASHINGTON

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	927	953	156	695	222	423
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	0	0	0	95	9	253
Hearing Officer	365	437	22	22	0	12
Master	0	0	0	144	182	140
Judge	73	235	68	402	16	16
Other	119	276	1	18	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	557	948	91	681	207	421

WAYNE

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	108	128	18	150	14	50
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	5	10	0	0	0	31
Hearing Officer	86	100	0	0	0	0
Master	0	0	2	0	0	0
Judge	0	0	6	138	14	17
Other	0	0	2	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	91	110	10	138	14	48

WESTMORELAND

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	1,554	1,486	580	1,252	421	857
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	108	86	0	0	83	258
Hearing Officer	678	933	183	0	0	0
Master	0	0	0	12	235	596
Judge	121	140	128	1,098	31	96
Other	104	210	281	26	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Processed	1,011	1,369	592	1,136	349	950

YORK

	Support		Custody/Partial		Juvenile	
	AFDC	Non-AFDC	Custody/Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	Delinquency
Cases Filed in 1985	2,180	5,391	776	1,519	107	1,021
Cases Processed in 1985 by:						
Intake Officer	214	679	0	0	4	496
Hearing Officer	852	1,399	496	0	0	0
Master	4	33	0	0	0	0
Judge	375	1,670	148	1,336	88	216
Other	77	572	0	0	0	7
Subtotal: Cases Processed	1,522	4,353	644	1,336	92	719

ORPHANS' COURT 1985

Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions—1985

Table 16 shows the Orphans' Court activity for 1985. Accounts comprise 57 percent of both filings and dispositions, while Adoptions comprised about 20 percent of filings and dispositions.

Relinquishments/Terminations of parental rights account for approximately 13 percent of both filings and dispositions, while Incompetency Proceedings account for 9 percent of filings and dispositions.

Table 16

Orphans' Court—1985

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed	13,310	4,690	3,084	2,202
Cases Disposed:				
1. Contested before Judge	1,994	481	429	529
2. Contested before Master, Auditor or Examiner	9	11	6	42
3. Uncontested	10,754	4,026	2,428	1,447
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	12,757	4,518	2,863	2,018

ORPHANS' COURT GLOSSARY

"ACCOUNT"	A statement prepared by a fiduciary at the close of his or her administration of an estate to reflect transactions that have occurred. The statement is presented to the court as part of the process whereby the fiduciary seeks discharge from liability for the events disclosed.
"ADOPTION"	A legal proceeding in which a child's rights and duties toward his or her birth parents are terminated and similar rights and duties toward his or her adoptive parents are substituted.
"AUDIT OF ACCOUNT"	The inspection and verification of an account.
"CONFIRMATION OF AN ACCOUNT"	The judicial determination that the account filed by the fiduciary is in proper order.
"FIDUCIARY"	A person or institution with a legal responsibility for the money or property of another. The term includes executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees subject to the jurisdiction of the Orphans' Court Division.
"INCOMPETENCY PROCEEDING"	Proceedings through which a determination is made regarding an individual's capacity to make or communicate responsible decisions that concern his person or property.
"RELINQUISHMENT" (of Parental Rights)	The voluntary ending of the rights of a parent with respect to his or her child.
"TERMINATION"	The involuntary ending of the rights of a parent with respect to his or her child.

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

ADAMS

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	103	16	8	12
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	1	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	118	17	7	13
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	119	17	7	13

ALLEGHENY

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	2,668	345	248	385
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	456	2	3	8
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	1,993	321	227	347
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	2,449	323	230	355

ARMSTRONG

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	162	26	28	8
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	92	22	23	6
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	63	1	1	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	155	23	24	7

BEAVER

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	255	56	59	38
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	282	47	49	23
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	282	47	49	23

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

BEDFORD

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	70	23	11	13
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	58	22	9	10
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	0	0	0	1
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	58	22	9	11

BERKS

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	444	114	99	55
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	3	1	2	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	430	112	91[1]	52
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	433	113	93	52

BLAIR

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	269	52	44	32
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	45	25	22
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	210	7	9	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	210	52	34	25

BRADFORD

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	103	30	22	12
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	1	0	2	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	108	31	17	11
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	109	31	19	11

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

BUCKS

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	177	605	93	50
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	2	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	131	510	56	34
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	133	510	56	34

BUTLER

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	238	53	29	27
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	2	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	276	55	31	25
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	278	55	31	25

CAMBRIA

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	494	49	22	39
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	1	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	478	56	20	27
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	479	56	20	27

CAMERON-ELK

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	114	13	17	4
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	1	0	2	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	70	15	8	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	71	15	10	2

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

CARBON

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	9	22	11	10
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	5	21	14	7
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	2	0	0	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	7	21	14	9

CENTRE

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	119	26	15	9
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	1	0	0	3
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	117	23	6	3
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	118	23	6	6

CHESTER

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	146	100	83	63
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	7	0	4	8
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	120	103	65	35
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	127	103	69	43

CLARION

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	42	21	8	9
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	5	1	3
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	2	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	39	10	9	6
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	41	15	10	9

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

CLEARFIELD

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	153	57	40	33
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	7	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	141	56	32	33
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	141	56	39	33

CLINTON

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	69	30	21	15
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	1	0	1	1
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	70	24	12	14
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	71	24	13	15

COLUMBIA-MONTOUR

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	74	52	29	44
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	15	2	4
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	6	12
Uncontested Dispositions	63	40	19	27
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	63	55	27	43

CRAWFORD

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	124	30	13	14
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	3	0	1	1
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	124	36	12	13
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	127	36	13	14

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

CUMBERLAND

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	201	79	78	18
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	0	2
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	167	70	66	16
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	167	70	66	18

DAUPHIN

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	213	102	59	36
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	1	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	212	83	52	34
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	212	83	53	34

DELAWARE

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	307	164	154	119
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	259	178	144	91
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	259	178	144	91

ERIE

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	524	174	181	61
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	17	1	17	1
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	506	180	155	60
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	523	181	172	61

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

FAYETTE

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	205	48	47	35
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	2	48	34	25
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	204	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	206	48	34	25

FOREST-WARREN

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	57	27	17	6
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	2	9	10	3
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	54	20	9	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	56	29	19	5

FRANKLIN-FULTON

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	103	65	23	19
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	1	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	95	69	17	16
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	96	69	17	16

GREENE

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	58	21	15	25
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	26	13	2	9
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	10	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	29	11	5	16
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	55	34	7	25

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

HUNTINGDON

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	82	20	12	17
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	64	17	12	16
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	64	17	12	16

INDIANA

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	166	29	26	19
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	14	28	15	7
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	149	0	0	6
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	163	28	15	13

JEFFERSON

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompeten Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	118	14	15	7
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	114	13	14	7
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	114	13	14	7

JUNIATA-PERRY

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	64	21	9	6
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	1	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	58	22	12	6
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	58	23	12	6

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

LACKAWANNA

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	119	90	87	26
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	29	0	1	12
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	96	88	85	12
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	125	88	86	24

LANCASTER

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	207	130	41	38
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	1	3	1	2
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	183	132	42	31
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	184	135	43	33

LAWRENCE

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	184	41	33	15
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	184	29	26	2
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	0	1	0	17
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	184	30	26	19

LEBANON

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	49	51	23	25
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	2	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	3	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	45	49	26	24
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	48	49	28	24

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

LEHIGH

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	151	75	34	50
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	2	3	18	1
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	2	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	163	74	15	53
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	167	77	33	54

LUZERNE

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	252	82	58	69
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	12	0	9	4
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	249	87	47	52
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	261	87	56	56

LYCOMING

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	224	86	48	20
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	204	78	38	2
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	204	78	38	2

MCKEAN

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	68	24	16	18
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	69	20	14	15
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	69	20	14	15

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

MERCER

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	334	52	31	17
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	3	2	5
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	1	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	328	32	22	12
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	329	35	24	17

MIFFLIN

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	61	23	9	9
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	56	19	9	8
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	56	19	9	8

MONROE

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	36	20	17	21
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	1	1	1	1
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	33	24	16	20
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	34	25	17	21

MONTGOMERY

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	670	255	216	87
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	48	0	12	81
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	6
Uncontested Dispositions	616	250	191	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	664	250	203	87

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

NORTHAMPTON

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	125	104	64	38
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	117	98	63	40
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	117	98	63	40

NORTHUMBERLAND

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	142	43	19	8
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	142	43	16	10
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	142	43	16	10

PHILADELPHIA

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	794	426	484	236
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	521	0	15	188
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	24
Uncontested Dispositions	320	441	495	18
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	841	441	510	230

PIKE

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	21	5	3	0
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	18	5	4	0
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	18	5	4	0

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

POTTER

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	0	7	1	1
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	0	
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	
Uncontested Dispositions	2	7	1	4
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	2	7	1	4

SCHUYLKILL

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	183	51	35	87
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	12	0	1	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	161	44	30	83
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	173	44	31	83

SNYDER-UNION

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	59	11	3	4
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	10	8	2	1
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	48	5	1	6
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	58	13	3	7

SOMERSET

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	89	26	11	26
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	2	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	85	28	12	19
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	85	28	14	19

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

SULLIVAN-WYOMING

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	18	17	4	4
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	2	2	1	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	17	18	3	4
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	19	20	4	4

SUSQUEHANNA

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	17	17	9	6
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	1	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	14	17	9	6
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	15	17	9	6

TIOGA

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	42	24	32	7
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	1	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	1	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	43	27	12	4
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	44	28	12	4

VENANGO

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	139	28	21	4
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	125	27	26	7
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	125	27	26	7

Table 17
Orphans' Court Filings and Dispositions by County

WASHINGTON

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	359	66	67	30
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	2	0	3	4
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	352	70	57	22
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	354	70	60	26

WAYNE

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	34	7	8	6
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	28	6	7	5
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	28	6	7	5

WESTMORELAND

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	723	149	152	77
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	145	0	0	0
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	550	139	150	70
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	695	139	150	70

YORK

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Incompetency Proceedings
Cases Filed in 1985	279	296	22	30
Cases Disposed in 1985 by:				
Contested Before Judge	0	1	0	2
Contested Before Master, Auditor or Examiner	0	0	0	0
Uncontested Dispositions	272	268	38	67
Subtotal: Cases Disposed	272	269	38	69

SPECIAL COURTS—1985

The Philadelphia Municipal Court is the only special court of record in Pennsylvania. Municipal Court Judges preside at preliminary hearings and arraignments, and issue warrants in criminal cases. The court also has jurisdiction over trials of summary criminal offenses (except summary traffic offenses) and of other criminal offenses where the allowable prison term is not more than five years. In civil matters, the court has jurisdiction over all matters arising under the Landlord/Tenant Act and over most other civil actions where the claim does not exceed $5,000. The Common Pleas court has concurrent jurisdiction with the Municipal Court over all summary offenses and civil matters. The Court has a complement of 22 judges, all of whom must be lawyers.

The new statistical reporting system also incorporates Municipal Court. Table 18 depicts a five-year series of Municipal Court activity. In 1985, preliminary hearings resulted in 11,159 cases being held for Common Pleas court, while 26,000 cases were disposed at the Municipal Court level.

Summary and Private Criminal complaints, which include non-traffic summary cases and violations of municipal criminal ordinances increased by nearly 3,000 cases in 1985. This filing increase was accompanied by a corresponding 3,000 case increase in dispositions, resulting in a negligible increase in inventory.

Civil complaints, which include Landlord/Tenant actions, Small Claims, and Code Enforcement cases, increased by over 18,000 cases (21 percent) in 1985. Dispositions also increased, but by a smaller amount (15,000 or 18 percent), resulting in a 3,500 case increase in inventory.

Table 18
Philadelphia Municipal Court 1981-1985

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Misdemeanor/Felony Cases					
Filed	45,220	48,167	38,362	37,973	39,284
Disposed	43,386	48,873	39,624	37,035	37,167
Pending	8,374	7,668	6,406	7,344	9,461
Cases Disposed By:					
Nol. Pro./Withdrawn	7,697	10,528	5,422	4,729	5,001
Dismissals	8,068	8,408	5,984	4,182	4,151
Held for Court	10,913	11,224	10,924	10,883	11,159
A.R.D.	7,764	8,892	8,046	7,867	7,036
Guilty Plea	4,259	3,855	2,608	2,414	3,457
Trials	3,536	5,430	5,734	5,670	4,100
Inactive	668	0	448	925	1,849
Other	481	536	458	365	414
Summary and Private Criminal Complaints					
Filed	23,132	29,055	27,445	24,589	27,401
Disposed	20,727	28,351	27,691	24,123	27,407
Pending	1,232	1,936	1,690	2,156	2,150
Civil Complaints					
Filed	81,797	86,255	79,293	83,342	101,449
Disposed	83,183	84,409	80,501	82,954	97,955
Pending	10,408	12,254	11,046	11,434	14,928

Table 19
Pittsburgh Magistrates Court Case Volume, 1985

City Court	
Misdemeanor/Felony cases filed	13,045
Summary cases filed (includes miscellaneous citations)	12,599
Housing Court	
Summary cases filed	5,191
Traffic Court	
Misdemeanor/Felony cases filed	2,865
Citations filed (moving violations)	26,857
Citations filed (parking violations)	353,871

Pittsburgh Magistrates' Court

The City of Pittsburgh has six police magistrates who are appointed by the Mayor. For analytical purposes, this court is separated into three divisions: City Court, Housing Court, and Traffic Court. Table 19 summarizes the activity of these divisions for 1985.

District Justice Case Volume

As the Special Courts' tables show, the volume of work performed by the Special Courts is considerable.

In 1985, approximately 2,000,000 cases were filed in the district justice courts. Of these, 18 percent were non-traffic citations and summary complaints, 5 percent were misdemeanor/felony complaints, and 10 percent were civil complaints. The remaining 67 percent were traffic citations.

Table 20
Traffic Citations

County	No. Filed	No. Disposed	No. Trials	No. Guilty Pleas	No. Prosecution Withdrawn	No. Other
Adams	9,881	9,472	306	8,428	189	549
Allegheny	130,080	114,312	23,823	74,080	6,165	10,244
Armstrong	3,964	3,797	359	3,295	102	41
Beaver	20,616	19,006	2,070	14,053	1,612	1,271
Bedford	18,569	20,714	560	15,572	1,714	2,868
Berks	31,843	26,922	1,605	23,757	907	653
Blair	10,748	10,758	574	9,945	175	64
Bradford	6,192	5,867	326	5,083	191	267
Bucks	69,655	74,693	6,216	53,462	6,015	9,000
Butler	15,699	16,503	1,520	13,075	672	1,236
Cambria	10,836	10,144	849	8,184	643	468
Cameron	683	708	37	650	20	1
Carbon	6,695	6,149	491	5,331	107	220
Centre	20,972	21,922	1,284	19,546	1,080	12
Chester	56,082	54,146	4,619	41,335	1,789	6,403
Clarion	6,261	6,388	219	5,711	457	1
Clearfield	9,611	9,195	356	8,479	141	219
Clinton	7,147	7,831	219	6,964	194	454
Columbia	7,272	7,245	346	6,455	321	123
Crawford	10,594	10,495	475	8,870	435	715
Cumberland	24,837	23,672	749	20,491	894	1,538
Dauphin	52,168	38,895	2,294	34,773	840	988
Delaware	113,096	89,055	16,062	62,762	4,427	5,804
Elk	3,722	3,754	172	3,501	80	1
Erie	22,541	20,359	1,317	16,879	700	1,463
Fayette	8,344	7,154	651	5,987	170	346
Forest	1,628	1,621	54	1,553	14	0
Franklin	10,857	9,178	364	8,459	314	41
Fulton	7,891	7,945	188	6,931	159	667
Greene	3,802	3,676	110	3,445	16	105
Huntingdon	4,867	4,553	144	4,255	117	37
Indiana	6,767	6,844	551	6,138	77	78
Jefferson	7,263	6,685	237	6,098	54	296
Juniata	3,985	3,623	111	3,479	27	6
Lackawanna	19,234	18,515	1,020	14,105	733	2,657
Lancaster	60,820	59,106	2,022	45,026	1,347	10,711
Lawrence	10,017	10,051	718	7,660	491	1,182
Lebanon	15,599	13,420	486	12,008	720	206
Lehigh	24,276	20,900	1,456	17,677	873	894
Luzerne	27,683	24,028	2,974	19,685	976	393
Lycoming	13,987	14,117	687	11,996	390	1,044
McKean	3,203	3,167	115	2,959	60	33
Mercer	12,638	12,263	599	10,638	870	156
Mifflin	2,757	2,603	81	2,431	60	31
Monroe	16,282	14,090	604	12,581	509	396
Montgomery	150,019	126,338	15,667	97,802	4,254	8,615
Montour	4,900	5,010	83	4,047	395	485
Northampton	30,963	26,368	2,105	21,057	1,432	1,774
Northumberland	9,414	8,570	327	7,887	197	159
Perry	2,862	2,800	119	2,599	33	49
Pike	7,239	7,276	279	6,210	418	369
Potter	1,624	1,684	72	1,558	27	27
Schuylkill	10,929	10,150	637	8,884	320	309
Snyder	4,417	4,362	164	4,128	67	3
Somerset	12,131	12,943	864	10,108	1,595	376
Sullivan	582	561	26	512	15	8
Susquehanna	4,687	4,506	165	4,171	168	2
Tioga	5,993	6,092	347	5,457	103	185
Union	6,174	5,895	165	5,407	42	281
Venango	6,553	6,435	183	5,636	232	384
Warren	3,761	3,540	145	3,238	87	70
Washington	26,807	25,347	2,960	18,510	2,274	1,603
Wayne	1,821	2,036	81	1,541	45	369
Westmoreland	42,560	39,630	3,484	32,770	2,253	1,123
Wyoming	3,290	2,783	220	2,453	83	27
York	51,312	50,079	2,360	44,895	1,741	1,083
State Totals	1,319,702	1,207,946	110,473	962,662	53,628	81,183

Table 21
Summary Complaints/Non-Traffic Citations

County	No. Filed	No. Disposed	No. Trials	No. Guilty Pleas	No. Prosecution Withdrawn	No. Other
Adams	2,399	2,067	98	1,736	126	107
Allegheny	38,858	34,429	10,728	14,688	2,916	6,097
Armstrong	1,890	1,864	306	1,392	97	69
Beaver	5,177	4,238	602	2,647	582	407
Bedford	1,102	975	130	757	64	24
Berks	9,469	7,587	1,075	5,367	801	344
Blair	4,586	4,301	423	3,387	262	229
Bradford	1,526	1,244	151	846	101	146
Bucks	17,327	16,597	2,996	9,645	2,415	1,541
Butler	5,338	4,930	542	3,948	337	103
Cambria	4,819	4,466	501	3,439	271	255
Cameron	160	175	16	122	29	8
Carbon	1,925	1,386	305	918	117	46
Centre	10,296	10,381	708	7,978	1,666	29
Chester	14,027	12,519	2,510	8,099	1,258	652
Clarion	1,783	1,832	163	1,566	66	37
Clearfield	2,756	2,624	201	2,249	84	90
Clinton	1,016	1,066	93	836	126	11
Columbia	2,449	2,387	212	1,860	287	28
Crawford	3,011	3,015	224	2,280	333	178
Cumberland	8,717	5,695	224	4,970	199	302
Dauphin	22,629	14,957	2,013	11,063	588	1,293
Delaware	23,056	16,835	5,597	7,997	2,196	1,045
Elk	691	702	63	608	31	0
Erie	8,078	7,063	975	4,862	602	624
Fayette	4,540	3,446	500	2,232	199	515
Forest	104	107	18	83	6	0
Franklin	3,958	3,223	176	2,743	240	64
Fulton	430	392	35	324	23	10
Greene	1,069	979	76	839	48	16
Huntingdon	992	1,028	104	715	89	120
Indiana	3,222	2,766	345	2,121	275	25
Jefferson	1,674	1,616	162	1,164	42	248
Juniata	311	305	33	251	21	0
Lackawanna	5,152	4,024	891	2,176	517	440
Lancaster	12,799	10,893	1,052	8,375	435	1,031
Lawrence	1,827	1,970	376	1,059	187	348
Lebanon	4,133	4,270	236	3,229	762	43
Lehigh	10,005	6,936	990	4,555	687	704
Luzerne	11,253	8,419	2,623	4,990	510	296
Lycoming	4,357	4,169	586	2,633	503	447
McKean	1,396	1,114	80	864	73	97
Mercer	4,191	3,786	253	2,951	512	70
Mifflin	1,442	1,147	87	988	42	30
Monroe	3,474	2,198	359	1,652	131	56
Montgomery	22,885	18,843	3,340	13,865	1,109	529
Montour	412	205	30	169	6	0
Northampton	9,990	7,324	1,267	4,946	648	463
Northumberland	2,164	2,173	278	1,615	156	124
Perry	1,743	1,483	113	776	548	46
Pike	480	456	93	295	62	6
Potter	351	359	25	279	51	4
Schuylkill	3,867	3,417	517	2,344	365	191
Snyder	836	689	48	546	74	21
Somerset	2,393	2,310	356	1,572	124	258
Sullivan	114	139	17	85	30	7
Susquehanna	572	483	70	378	31	4
Tioga	1,085	1,085	132	739	117	97
Union	1,146	911	66	784	45	16
Venango	1,618	1,623	124	1,077	133	289
Warren	815	793	82	594	74	43
Washington	6,511	5,436	1,221	2,770	760	685
Wayne	988	842	44	499	203	96
Westmoreland	11,015	10,058	1,920	6,391	898	849
Wyoming	745	670	72	496	61	41
York	14,543	12,951	1,847	10,013	564	527
State Totals	353,687	298,373	51,500	197,437	26,915	22,521

Table 22
Civil Complaints

County	No. Filed	No. Disposed	No. Trials	No. Settled	No. Default Judgments	No. Complaints Withdrawn	No. Other
Adams	1,349	1,267	171	281	800	14	1
Allegheny	23,249	22,334	7,434	2,512	11,303	498	587
Armstrong	714	688	218	110	319	13	28
Beaver	2,405	2,173	716	278	1,048	58	73
Bedford	645	620	83	147	371	17	2
Berks	5,329	4,993	1,364	826	2,524	113	166
Blair	2,037	1,924	329	290	1,190	13	102
Bradford	1,481	1,542	179	296	923	54	90
Bucks	13,817	13,237	4,261	2,346	5,702	414	514
Butler	2,489	2,286	579	537	931	132	107
Cambria	2,208	2,017	408	365	1,154	34	56
Cameron	89	48	15	6	24	3	0
Carbon	1,035	857	214	112	464	6	61
Centre	2,022	1,982	424	248	962	97	251
Chester	8,105	7,950	2,159	1,492	3,243	109	947
Clarion	839	851	139	131	513	17	51
Clearfield	1,446	1,521	438	240	814	17	12
Clinton	593	537	143	89	272	28	5
Columbia	1,548	1,394	283	251	819	34	7
Crawford	2,442	2,427	379	466	1,464	51	67
Cumberland	2,562	2,274	527	415	1,239	53	40
Dauphin	6,910	6,701	1,570	1,050	2,918	199	964
Delaware	9,994	10,785	5,177	1,504	3,706	221	177
Elk	407	408	68	74	249	15	2
Erie	4,513	4,490	1,414	869	1,862	100	245
Fayette	2,033	1,433	269	179	905	32	48
Forest	113	124	29	37	57	0	1
Franklin	1,799	1,601	240	298	1,027	20	16
Fulton	258	246	36	92	110	6	2
Greene	391	322	67	71	167	14	3
Huntingdon	521	525	110	96	303	12	4
Indiana	1,087	972	204	134	601	20	13
Jefferson	774	750	180	77	486	5	2
Juniata	414	400	46	59	277	7	11
Lackawanna	3,743	3,394	1,145	569	1,394	112	174
Lancaster	7,011	6,497	1,819	1,167	3,031	297	183
Lawrence	1,094	1,162	334	204	522	11	91
Lebanon	2,216	2,242	375	353	1,196	34	284
Lehigh	10,585	9,951	1,666	1,827	6,087	212	159
Luzerne	5,147	4,991	1,607	755	2,216	74	339
Lycoming	2,676	2,533	528	538	1,275	54	138
McKean	1,022	944	156	138	606	35	9
Mercer	2,157	2,186	476	368	1,235	75	32
Mifflin	698	636	133	124	337	20	22
Monroe	3,555	2,685	758	407	1,393	64	63
Montgomery	14,884	13,959	4,149	2,723	6,361	359	367
Montour	155	140	26	36	76	2	0
Northampton	4,153	3,814	1,302	642	1,718	57	95
Northumberland	1,785	1,704	296	189	1,209	9	1
Perry	750	941	176	244	507	10	4
Pike	2,232	2,193	208	363	1,346	26	250
Potter	388	371	46	129	189	5	2
Schuylkill	1,965	1,822	444	410	833	26	109
Snyder	1,710	629	56	190	366	17	0
Somerset	982	968	201	143	566	26	32
Sullivan	113	110	22	36	45	1	6
Susquehanna	656	609	124	132	335	15	3
Tioga	821	754	116	190	394	30	24
Union	760	739	114	207	385	16	17
Venango	806	756	125	139	419	24	49
Warren	713	760	123	120	477	25	15
Washington	2,402	2,295	755	303	1,149	56	32
Wayne	1,493	1,536	136	288	918	23	171
Westmoreland	5,464	5,189	1,614	854	2,399	157	165
Wyoming	523	475	84	71	281	14	25
York	6,267	6,067	1,251	1,111	3,376	132	197
State Totals	194,544	184,731	50,238	30,948	91,388	4,444	7,713

Table 23
Misdemeanor and Felony Cases

County	No. Filed	No. Disposed	No. Settled, Pros. Wthdrwn.	No. Dismissed	No. Waived to Court	No. Bound to Court	No. Guilty Pleas	No. Inactive Cases	No. Other
Adams	743	749	77	68	210	333	17	0	44
Allegheny	11,373	11,494	1,666	2,352	2,055	4,545	240	119	517
Armstrong	970	556	146	75	108	215	7	0	5
Beaver	1,928	1,947	390	273	812	355	18	34	65
Bedford	342	312	53	36	132	61	5	25	0
Berks	2,957	2,713	381	261	1,018	755	83	156	59
Blair	1,335	1,278	156	61	611	290	101	17	42
Bradford	554	575	77	77	111	238	14	24	34
Bucks	7,396	7,494	535	533	2,140	2,571	21	767	927
Butler	1,359	1,401	121	81	621	278	168	89	43
Cambria	1,550	1,498	285	125	478	306	36	29	239
Cameron	68	85	21	14	16	34	0	0	0
Carbon	416	396	40	42	89	172	27	23	3
Centre	1,388	1,442	115	18	648	437	156	66	2
Chester	3,717	3,644	682	184	732	1,385	148	62	451
Clarion	443	461	58	63	111	160	41	7	21
Clearfield	926	864	85	54	401	159	161	0	4
Clinton	447	424	46	26	197	132	17	0	6
Columbia	558	556	140	70	111	158	34	37	6
Crawford	972	950	87	26	477	271	54	23	12
Cumberland	1,908	1,715	235	88	593	642	51	68	38
Dauphin	4,632	4,384	618	539	1,220	1,475	403	7	122
Delaware	8,721	7,483	1,398	1,046	705	2,956	246	64	1,068
Elk	293	290	35	14	109	124	7	0	1
Erie	2,737	2,603	406	322	908	700	64	30	173
Fayette	1,339	1,190	173	154	378	374	31	42	38
Forest	80	76	5	4	33	21	7	1	5
Franklin	1,199	1,066	194	69	577	204	4	5	13
Fulton	147	130	15	8	29	77	0	0	1
Greene	567	435	111	45	120	138	1	0	20
Huntingdon	347	355	84	27	91	112	22	12	7
Indiana	874	833	49	98	304	317	28	17	20
Jefferson	439	468	69	16	219	71	22	51	20
Juniata	118	119	6	5	50	58	0	0	0
Lackawanna	2,123	2,097	336	286	686	340	164	178	107
Lancaster	3,625	3,267	349	275	759	1,601	140	50	93
Lawrence	1,068	1,078	176	218	286	231	68	30	69
Lebanon	1,009	1,376	52	69	441	465	24	8	317
Lehigh	3,413	2,856	228	326	1,073	948	214	20	47
Luzerne	2,815	2,264	172	301	1,072	450	106	19	144
Lycoming	1,499	1,444	80	42	574	586	89	48	25
McKean	475	432	37	65	102	183	38	5	2
Mercer	1,138	1,228	227	47	218	469	74	91	102
Mifflin	483	416	43	33	225	110	1	3	1
Monroe	1,084	846	108	114	177	303	130	1	13
Montgomery	7,682	6,190	634	606	2,128	2,222	167	20	413
Montour	125	110	8	5	42	46	9	0	0
Northampton	2,553	2,159	290	197	471	917	85	14	185
Northumberland	889	848	133	33	399	183	83	1	16
Perry	279	270	36	24	117	81	4	1	7
Pike	178	171	27	15	42	67	10	1	9
Potter	153	159	33	20	40	58	3	3	2
Schuylkill	1,351	1,281	165	92	490	440	18	32	44
Snyder	168	168	16	8	76	33	35	0	0
Somerset	975	930	147	104	295	323	0	6	55
Sullivan	47	44	9	2	16	16	0	0	1
Susquehanna	279	255	55	33	52	34	66	11	4
Tioga	552	599	130	22	228	134	18	59	8
Union	181	168	20	9	85	36	11	0	7
Venango	482	534	30	29	110	145	175	11	34
Warren	422	431	43	14	217	112	20	5	20
Washington	2,213	2,146	313	288	563	674	28	124	156
Wayne	220	201	46	16	56	60	11	0	12
Westmoreland	3,512	3,405	609	479	701	1,142	40	254	180
Wyoming	222	244	51	17	57	99	10	1	9
York	3,052	3,208	153	161	1,424	1,199	33	135	103
State Totals	107,110	100,811	13,315	10,824	29,636	33,831	4,108	2,906	6,191

Table 24
Age of Misdemeanor/Felony Cases Pending in District Justice Courts

	Cases Pending 12/31/85	0-30 Days	31-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-120 Days	Over 120 Days
Adams	108	38	21	14	7	28
Allegheny	2,364	649	292	164	132	1,127
Armstrong	132	23	27	12	12	58
Beaver	217	96	43	21	13	44
Bedford	49	20	10	4	3	12
Berks	316	129	129	30	9	19
Blair	230	52	28	20	15	115
Bradford	51	19	10	5	3	14
Bucks	1,192	454	268	173	110	187
Butler	208	83	32	21	14	58
Cambria	190	63	43	26	14	44
Cameron-Elk	43	21	3	4	1	14
Carbon	67	38	14	2	5	8
Centre	96	77	11	8	0	0
Chester	425	191	90	48	19	77
Clarion	58	19	21	7	2	9
Clearfield	101	54	30	7	4	6
Clinton	30	13	9	4	3	1
Columbia-Montour	110	35	23	13	3	36
Crawford	144	78	12	4	3	47
Cumberland	269	85	54	26	16	88
Dauphin	1,053	208	146	93	57	549
Delaware	1,339	802	150	82	39	266
Erie	419	111	118	68	38	84
Fayette	262	96	21	45	11	89
Forest-Warren	42	19	15	5	2	1
Franklin-Fulton	271	104	46	34	15	72
Greene	97	29	18	13	4	33
Huntingdon	35	9	5	6	1	14
Indiana	189	60	52	34	4	39
Jefferson	58	24	6	6	2	20
Juniata-Perry	33	16	7	1	0	9
Lackawanna	108	30	23	18	35	2
Lancaster	639	256	140	76	39	128
Lawrence	159	97	29	8	6	19
Lebanon	99	43	18	10	6	22
Lehigh	526	117	78	85	56	190
Luzerne	619	137	80	64	47	291
Lycoming	253	107	56	19	16	55
McKean	58	44	8	4	0	2
Mercer	83	51	14	6	8	4
Mifflin	99	48	22	6	3	20
Monroe	71	28	22	14	3	4
Montgomery	2,273	344	1,447	171	95	216
Northampton	487	205	97	50	23	112
Northumberland	70	44	23	0	0	3
Philadelphia	1,678	886	488	173	53	78
Pike	19	8	7	3	1	0
Potter	14	2	2	3	1	6
Schuylkill	167	39	26	11	8	83
Snyder-Union	92	38	17	9	4	24
Somerset	101	29	25	15	10	22
Sullivan-Wyoming	77	14	9	4	5	45
Susquehanna	20	1	2	1	0	16
Tioga	32	22	3	5	0	2
Venango	59	19	10	8	3	19
Washington	463	115	66	57	19	206
Wayne	43	15	8	6	5	9
Westmoreland	492	223	125	50	40	54
York	249	118	72	42	17	0
State Totals	19,248	6,795	4,671	1,918	1,064	4,800

JUDICIAL DISTRICT POPULATION AND TRIAL COURT AND DISTRICT JUSTICE COMPLEMENTS

Table 25

Judicial District	1980[1] Population	1985[2] Population	No. Authorized[3] Trial Court Judgeships	No. Authorzied District Justices
Adams	68,292	69,996	1	4
Allegheny[4]	1,450,085	1,388,328	41	55
Armstrong	77,768	78,732	1	4
Beaver	204,441	194,708	5	9
Bedford	46,784	47,732	1	4
Berks	312,509	318,055	6	18
Blair	136,621	132,513	4	7
Bradford	62,919	63,584	1	4
Bucks	479,211	512,705	10	17
Butler	147,912	150,473	3	5
Cambria	183,263	175,073	4	11
Cameron/Elk	45,012	43,950	1	3
Carbon	53,285	53,901	1	4
Centre	112,760	113,114	2	4
Chester	316,660	334,311	7	13
Clarion	43,362	42,578	1	4
Clearfield	83,578	82,814	1	4
Clinton	38,971	37,607	1	3
Columbia/Montour	78,642	77,917	1	5
Crawford	88,869	89,071	2	6
Cumberland	178,541	188,121	3	8
Dauphin	232,317	235,842	6	12
Delaware	555,007	557,180	15	31
Erie	279,780	280,609	6	16
Fayette	159,417	157,084	4	13
Forest/Warren	52,521	51,844	1	7
Franklin/Fulton	126,471	131,183	2	9
Greene	40,476	40,976	1	3
Huntingdon	42,253	42,779	1	4
Indiana	92,281	92,403	2	4
Jefferson	48,303	48,441	1	3
Juniata/Perry	54,906	57,610	1	5
Lackawanna	227,908	222,885	5	13
Lancaster	362,346	386,598	6	20
Lawrence	107,150	104,141	2	5
Lebanon	108,582	111,182	3	7
Lehigh	272,349	277,914	6	14
Luzerne	343,079	332,802	7	18
Lycoming	118,416	116,088	3	6
McKean	50,635	48,252	1	5
Mercer	128,299	124,205	3	5
Mifflin	46,908	46,157	1	2
Monroe	69,409	78,967	2	8
Montgomery	643,621	663,164	15	28
Northampton	225,418	231,430	5	15
Northumberland	100,381	99,268	2	4
Philadelphia[5]	1,688,210	1,637,434	81	0
Pike	18,271	21,292	1	3
Potter	17,726	18,258	1	4
Schuylkill	160,630	155,835	5	11
Snyder/Union	66,454	69,829	1	4
Somerset	81,243	81,236	2	5
Sullivan/Wyoming	32,782	33,877	1	5
Susquehanna	37,876	39,267	1	3
Tioga	40,973	39,925	1	3
Venango	64,444	62,887	1	4
Washington	217,074	213,993	5	14
Wayne	35,237	38,222	1	4
Westmoreland	392,294	383,304	8	21
York	312,963	323,720	6	16
STATE TOTAL	**11,863,895**	**11,853,366**	**313**	**546**

[1]This figure is the 1980 Census count of the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

[2]This figure is the Census Bureau's population estimate for July 1, 1985.

[3]The General Assembly created 16 additional trial court judgeships in 1985; these positions were filled in 1986.

[4]In addition to 55 District Justices of the Peace, the City of Pittsburgh has six police magistrates.

[5]Philadelphia County does not have District Justices of the Peace. The Special Courts in Philadelphia are the Municipal Court with an active complement of 22 judges and Traffic Court with a active complement of six judges.

COURT FINANCES

The Unified Judicial System receives both state and county financing. The Commonwealth pays the salaries of judicial officers, personnel in both the appellate courts and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, and Municipal Court Bail Commissioners. The Commonwealth also provides reimbursement to the counties in support of the trial and district justice courts and, until recently, the appellate courts.

In 1985, the General Assembly took a significant step in the direction of a state-funded Judiciary. Act 1985-49 transferred financial responsibility for appellate chambers and personnel from county government to the state, establishing for the first time a fully state-funded appellate court system. The Supreme Court has long been of the view that a state-funded court system is necessary for the development of fiscal controls, accountability and proper management.

Table 26 gives a breakdown of funds appropriated to the Judicial Branch for fiscal years 1984-85 and 1985-86. The increase in the total judiciary appropriation from 1984-85 to 1985-86 is deceptively large; much of the increase is due to nonrecurring costs in the FY 85-86 appropriation on the one hand and the establishment of the district justice reimbursement program on the other.

Fees collected by the appellate courts in fiscal years 1984-85 and 1985-86 exceed $2,000,000. For the same period the Minor Judiciary Education Board collected more than $50,000 (See Table 27). Fees and costs collected by the offices of district justices were nearly $92,000,000 in 1985 (See Table 28).

Table 26
General Funds Fiscal Resources

APPROPRIATIONS

	1984/85	1985/86
Supreme Court	$ 4,226,000	$ 4,239,000
Expenses		130,000
Judicial Inquiry and Review Board	423,000	436,000
Civil Procedural Rules Committee	189,000	192,000
Criminal Procedural Rules Committee	164,000	184,000
PA Board of Law Examiners	235,000	212,000
Superior Court	8,188,000	8,070,000
Expenses		184,000
Commonwealth Court	4,205,000	4,252,000
Expenses		112,000
AOPC	2,765,000	2,700,000
Common Pleas Court	25,556,000	25,725,000
Common Pleas Senior Judges	1,433,000	1,433,000
Common Pleas Education	238,000	325,000
District Justices	20,954,000	23,975,000
District Justice Education	297,000	307,000
Phila. Municipal Court	1,762,000	2,116,000
Municipal Court–Law Clerks	182,000	182,000
Phila. Traffic Court	252,000	324,000
Appellate Home Expenses		5,418,000
County Court Reimbursement	28,980,000	25,987,000
Appellate Court Reimbursement		7,988,000
District Justice Reimbursement		14,475,000
Juror Fee Reimbursement	1,669,000	1,050,000
Comprehensive Computer Study		300,000
TOTAL	$101,804,000	$130,783,000

Table 27

FEES

AGENCY	1984/85	1985/86
Supreme Court	$ 150,374	$ 164,594
PA Board of Law Examiners	449,127	565,413
Superior Court	248,529	252,983
Commonwealth Court	152,000	150,000
Minor Judiciary Education Board	30,557	22,918
TOTAL	$1,030,587	$1,155,908

Table 28

FINES AND COSTS COLLECTED BY DISTRICT JUSTICES, 1985

	FINES	COSTS	TOTAL
Commonwealth	$35,132,993.53	$ 7,916,244.05	$43,049,237.58
County	829,826.48	20,239,636.22	21,069,462.70
Local Government	20,858,534.28		20,858,534.28
Crime Victim Compensation		1,450,571.55	1,450,571.55
Domestic Violence Cost		1,446,314.54	1,446,314.54
Crime Commission Cost		659,709.19	659,709.19
Constables		3,292,601.29	3,292,601.29
TOTAL	**$56,821,354.29**	**$35,005,076.84**	**$91,826,431.13**

Supreme Court Justices
(in order of seniority)

Nix, Robert N.C., Jr.
Chief Justice of Pennsylvania

Larsen, Rolf
Flaherty, John P.
McDermott, James T.
Hutchinson, Willian D.
Zappala, Stephen A.
Papadakos, Nicholas P.

Superior Court Judges

Cirillo, Vincent A.
*President Judge**

Cavanaugh, James R.
Wickersham, Richard B.
Brosky, John G.
Rowley, James E.
Wieand, Donald E.
McEwen, Stephen J., Jr.
Olszewski, Peter Paul
Del Sole, Joseph A.
Montemuro, Frank J., Jr.
Beck, Phyllis W.
Tamilia, Patrick R.
Kelly, John T.J., Jr.**
Popovich, Zoran
Johnson, Justin M.

*Succeeded Edmund B. Spaeth, Jr. as President Judge 1/86.
**Term Began 1/86.

Superior Court Senior Judges

Waktins, G. Harold
Montgomery, Harry M.
Hoffman, J. Sydney
Cercone, William Franklin
Lipez, Abraham H.*
Hester, John P.
Roberts, Samuel J.*

*By Special Designation

Commonwealth Court Judges

Crumlish, James C., Jr.
President Judge

Rodgers, Theodore O.
Williams, Robert W., Jr.*
Craig, David W.
Mac Phail, John A.
Doyle, Joseph T.
Barry, Francis A.
Colins, James G.
Palladino, Madaline

*Resigned 2/6/85

Commonwealth Court Senior Judges

Blatt, Genevieve
Barbieri, Alexander F.*
Bucher, Wilson*
Kalish, Jacob*
Lehman, John S.*

*By Special Designation

Judges of Courts of Common Pleas

(Served in 1985)
Listed Alphabetically by County

Adams County
Judicial District 51
Oscar F. Spicer, *President Judge*

Allegheny County
Judicial District 5
Michael J. O'Malley, *President Judge*

Robert E. Dauer, *Administrative Judge*
Emil E. Narick, *Administrative Judge*
R. Stanton Wettick, Jr., *Administrative Judge*
Paul R. Zavarella, *Administrative Judge*

Gerard M. Bigley
Ralph J. Cappy
James F. Clarke
Robert A. Doyle
S. Louis Farino
John M. Feeney
Marion K. Finkelhor
Robert P. Horgos
Livingston M. Johnson
Lawrence W. Kaplan
Robert A. Kelly
Donald J. Lee
Bernard L. McGinley
Bernard J. McGowan
James R. McGregor
James H. McLean
John L. Musmanno
Raymond A. Novak
John W. O'Brien
Alan S. Penkower
Joseph H. Ridge
Eunice L. Ross
George H. Ross
Charles F. Scarlata
Nathan Schwartz
Silvestri Silvestri
Doris A. Smith
Henry R. Smith
Ralph H. Smith, Jr.
Leonard C. Staisey
William L. Standish
Eugene B. Strassburger, III
J. Warren Watson
I. Martin Wekselman
Richard G. Zeleznik

Armstrong County
Judicial District 33
Roy A. House Jr., *President Judge*

Beaver County
Judicial District 36
Robert C. Reed, *President Judge*

Robert E. Kunselman
Thomas C. Mannix
Joseph S. Walko

Bedford County
Judicial District 57
Ellis W. Van Horn, Jr., *President Judge*

Berks County
Judicial District 23
Forrest G. Schaeffer, Jr., *President Judge*

Elizabeth G. Ehrlich
Thomas J. Eshelman
W. Richard Eshelman
Calvin Lieberman
Arthur E. Saylor

Blair County
Judicial District 24
Thomas G. Peoples, Jr., *President Judge*

Richard A. Behrens
R. Bruce Brumbaugh
David B. Smith

Bradford County
Judicial District 42
Jeffrey A. Smith, *President Judge*

Bucks County
Judicial District 7
Isaac S. Garb, *President Judge*

Paul R. Beckert
Kenneth G. Biehn
Edward G. Biester, Jr.
Oscar S. Bortner
George T. Kelton
Edmund V. Ludwig*
Harriet M. Mims**
William H. Rufe, III
Leonard B. Sokolove

Butler County
Judicial District 50
Floyd A. Rauschenberger, *President Judge*

John H. Brydon
John C. Dillon*, *President Judge*

*Resignation—11-17-85
**Resignation—9-5-85

*Death in Service—10-9-85

Cambria County
Judicial District 47
H. Clifton McWilliams, Jr., *President Judge*

Caram J. Abood
Eugene A. Creany
Joseph F. Okicki

Carbon County
Judicial District 56
John P. Lavelle, *President Judge*

Centre County
Judicial District 49
Charles C. Brown, Jr., *President Judge*

David E. Grine

Chester County
Judicial District 15
John E. Stively, Jr., *President Judge*

Alexander Endy
Robert S. Gawthrop, III
M. Joseph Melody, Jr.
Charles B. Smith
Leonard Sugerman
Lawrence E. Wood

Clarion County
Judicial District 18
Merle E. Wiser, *President Judge*

Clearfield County
Judicial District 46
John K. Reilly, Jr., *President Judge*

Clinton County
Judicial District 25
Carson V. Brown, *President Judge*

Columbia-Montour Counties
Judicial District 26
Jay W. Myers, *President Judge*

Crawford County
Judicial District 30
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Judicial District 9
Harold E. Sheely, *President Judge*

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Judicial District 12
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Delaware County
Judicial District 32
Francis J. Catania, *President Judge*

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Melvin G. Levy
Frank J. Lynch
Rita E. Prescott
Anthony R. Semeraro
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Elk-Cameron Counties
Judicial District 59
Paul B. Greiner, *President Judge*

Erie County
Judicial District 6
William E. Pfadt, *President Judge*

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Roger M. Fischer
Jessamine S. Giuliante
Michael T. Joyce
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Franklin-Fulton Counties
Judicial District 39
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Greene County
Judicial District 13
Glenn Toothman, *President Judge*

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Judicial District 20
Newton C. Taylor, *President Judge*

Indiana County
Judicial District 40
Robert C. Earley, *President Judge*

W. Parker Ruddock

Jefferson County
Judicial District 54
Edwin L. Snyder, *President Judge*

Lackawanna County
Judicial District 45
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James M. Munley
Daniel L. Penetar
James J. Walsh

Lancaster County
Judicial District 2
Paul A. Mueller, *President Judge*

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D. R. Eckman
Wayne G. Hummer, Jr.
Michael J. Perezous

Lawrence County
Judicial District 53
Glenn McCracken, Jr., *President Judge*

Francis X. Caiazza

Lebanon County
Judicial District 52
G. Thomas Gates, *President Judge*

Robert J. Eby
John A. Walter

Lehigh County
Judicial District 31
John E. Backenstoe, *President Judge*

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James N. Diefenderfer
James K. Gardner
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Robert K. Young

Luzerne County
Judicial District 11
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Patrick J. Toole, Jr.

Lycoming County
Judicial District 29
Thomas C. Raup, *President Judge*

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Robert J. Wollet

McKean County
Judicial District 48
John M. Cleland, *President Judge*

Mercer County
Judicial District 35
John Q. Stranahan, *President Judge*

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Francis J. Fornelli

Mifflin County
Judicial District 58
Francis A. Searer, *President Judge*

Monroe County
Judicial District 43
James R. Marsh, *President Judge*

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Montgomery County
Judicial District 38
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Northampton County
Judicial District 3
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Richard D. Grifo
Franklin S. Van Antwerpen

Northumberland County
Judicial District 8
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Judicial District 41
Keith B. Quigley, *President Judge*

Philadelphia County
Judicial District 1
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Eugene Gelfand
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William J. Manfredi
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Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson
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Harold B. Fink, Jr., *President Judge*

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Wilbur H. Rubright

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Judicial District 16
Norman A. Shaulis, *President Judge*

Susquehanna County
Judicial District 34
Donald O'Malley, *President Judge*

Tioga County
Judicial District 4
Robert M. Kemp, *President Judge*

Union-Snyder Counties
Judicial District 17
James F. McClure, Jr., *President Judge*

Venango County
Judicial District 28
William E. Breene, *President Judge*

Warren-Forest Counties
Judicial District 37
Robert L. Wolfe, *President Judge*

Washington County
Judicial District 27
Thomas D. Gladden, *President Judge*

John F. Bell
David L. Gilmore
Samuel L. Rodgers
Thomas J. Terputac

Wayne County
Judicial District 22
Robert J. Conway, *President Judge*

Westmoreland County
Judicial District 10
Gilfert M. Mihalich, *President Judge*

Daniel J. Ackerman
Donetta W. Ambrose
Joseph A. Hudock
Charles H. Loughran
Charles E. Marker
Richard E. McCormick
Bernard F. Scherer

Wyoming-Sullivan Counties
Judicial District 44
Roy A. Gardner, *President Judge*

York County
Judicial District 19
Robert I. Shadle, *President Judge*

Emanuel A. Cassimatis
Joseph E. Erb
John T. Miller
John F. Rauhauser, Jr.

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**Death in Service—4-17-85

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Allegheny County
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Beaver County
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J. Quint Salmon
John N. Sawyer

Berks County
Frederick Edenharter
Warren K. Hess
Grant E. Wesner

Bradford County
Evan S. Williams

Bucks County
John J. Bodley*
Lawrence A. Monroe
Edwin H. Satterthwaite

Butler County
George P. Kiester

Cambria County
George W. Griffith

Carbon County
Albert H. Heimbach

Clearfield County
John A. Cherry

Cumberland County
Dale F. Shughart

Dauphin County
Homer L. Kreider

Delaware County
Louis A. Bloom
John V. Diggins

Erie County
Edward H. Carney
James B. Dwyer

*Death in Service—7-5-85

Indiana County
Earl R. Handler

Jefferson County
Robert M. Morris

Lancaster County
Anthony R. Appel
W. Hensel Brown
Wilson Bucher

Lehigh County
Martin J. Coyne

Luzerne County
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Monroe County
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Charles Klein
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William J. Lederer
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John R. Meade
Joseph T. Murphy
Jerome A. O'Neill
Edward B. Rosenberg
Edward Rosenwald
Harvey N. Schmidt
Thomas N. Shiomos
Kendall H. Shoyer
Theodore B. Smith, Jr.
Maurice W. Sporkin
James L. Stern
Harry A. Takiff
Paul A. Tranchitella
Evelyn M. Trommer

Somerset County
Charles H. Coffroth

Washington County
Charles G. Sweet

Wyoming County
Robert W. Trembath

York County
James E. Buckingham
Richard E. Kohler

Municipal Court Judges

Blount, Lynwood F.
Brady, William J., Jr.
Cadran, Francis P.
Conroy, Michael J., Jr.
Coppolino, Matthew F.
Cosgrove, Francis P.
Dempsey, Thomas E.
Glancey, Joseph R.
Kafrissen, Arthur S.
Krase, Morton
Lipschutz, Mitchell S.
Macones, Alexander J.
Margiotti, Charles J., Jr.
Mccabe, Joseph P., Jr.
McCormack, Thomas J.
Mekel, Edward G.
Merriweather, Ronald B.
Presenza, Louis J.
Rose, Meyer C.
Silberstein, Alan K.
Simmons, J. Earl, Jr.

Senior Municipal Court Judge

Bednarek, Michael J.

Traffic Court Judges

Cermele, Dominic M.
Cuffeld, Charles H.
Demeo, Salvatore
Malone, Raymond A.
Podgorski, Lillian H.
Twardy, George

Senior Traffic Court Judges

Clark, Samuel, Jr.
Cox, Edward S.
Marotta, Thomas

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Adams County
Judicial District 51
Thomas R. Carr
Harold R. Deardorff
Samuel K. Frymyer
Thomas R. Staub*
John C. Zepp

*Resignation—7-2-85

Allegheny County
Judicial District 5
Eileen H. Ambrose
Albert V. Belan
Leonard W. Boehm
James H. Bowen
Mary G. Boyle
Walter V. Casasanta
Raymond L. Casper
David S. Cercone
Anthony F. Clark
Arthur P. Conn
Elverda J. Daw
John R. Deangelis
Mark B. Devlin
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Sally A. Edkins
Sarge Fiore
Georgina G. Franci
Ralph C. Freedman, Jr.
William E. Garove
Robert R. Graff
James J. Hanley
Helen V. Hull
William J. Ivill
Dennis R. Joyce
Paul Komaromy, Jr.
Andrew Kurta
Howard D. Lindberg
Betty L. Lloyd
William D. Martin
Lee J. Mazur
Richard K. McCarthy
Elaine M. McGraw
Jules C. Melograne
Charles M. Morrissey
Regis C. Nairn
Lee G. Peglow
Harry J. Pokora*
Donald H. Presutti
Eugene L. Raible**
Douglas W. Reed
Bernard J. Regan
James E. Russo
Arthur Sabulsky
Anna Marie Scharding
Rinaldo J. Secola
John E. Swearingen

*Death in Service—1-12-85
**Resignation—7-31-85

Richard J. Terrick
Edward A. Tibbs
Angelo Toscolani***
Robert E. Tucker
Peter J. Wagner
Regis C. Welsh
Jacob H. Williams
Eugene B. Yarnel
Gary M. Zyra

***Death in Service—12-4-84

Armstrong County
Judicial District 33
Homer D. Crytzer, Jr.
Samuel R. Goldstrohm
Louis E. Milks
Eugene W. Shaeffer

Beaver County
Judicial District 36
Hugo R. Iorfido
Ross M. Keefer, Jr.
Lewis E. Kirchner
Joseph V. Lakas
Peter J. Loschiavo
Stephen D. Mihalic
Milton H. Richeal
Arthur L. Schlemmer
George L. Shaffer

Bedford County
Judicial District 57
Charles D. Ferguson
Charles O. Guyer
Kenneth G. Jewell
Marion L. Morgret

Berks County
Judicial District 23
Opal F. Bodanza
Barbara A. Clark
Doris M. Dorminy
John F. Dougherty
O. Andrew Farrara
Albert J. Gaspari
Paul W. Geiger
Gail M. Greth
Douglas N. Heydt
Laura A. Keener
James M. Korch
Charlotte F. Reber
Roland H. Schock
Wallace S. Scott
Patsy F. Spadafora
James P. Troutman
Wallace W. Wagonseller
George L. Wenger

Blair County
Judicial District 24
Denver K. Ake
William G. Camberg
John B. Greene, Jr.
Patrick T. Jones
Todd F. Kelly
Frederick L. Klepser
Joseph L. Moran

Bradford County
Judicial District 42
Daniel J. Aquilio, III
James M. Cox
Jack Huffman, Jr.
Fred H. Vonwolffradt

Bucks County
Judicial District 7
Joseph F. Basile
James C. Greenwood
Oliver A. Groman
Anne V. Huhn
J. Robert Hunsicker
James M. Kelly
Clyde C. Leaver, Jr.
Elizabeth M. Leonard
Michael J. Manto
Catherine Marks
Anne E. Orazi
Jennie I. Pekarski
Dorothy A. Pollock
Catherine L. Ritter
Dominick C. Spadaccino
Kathryn L. Stump
Dorothy Vislosky

Butler County
Judicial District 50
James H. Galbreath
Leon E. Gant
Ruth E. Miller
William R. O'Donnell
Robert L. Watson

Cambria County
Judicial District 47
Francis P. Brosius
Anthony A. Carnicella
Rick T. Farra
Mike Kreskosky
Alice M. Krug
James E. Mayer
Max F. Pavlovich
Kenneth Robine
Julia A. Rozum
Patricia A. Rylke
William J. Shay

Cameron County
Judicial District 59
Alvin H. Brown

Carbon County
Judicial District 56
Paul J. Hadzick
Harry E. Heydt*
Willard A. Steigerwalt
Joseph M. Sverchek

*Resignation—7-31-85

Centre County
Judicial District 49
Palmer K. Bierly
Robert T. May
Robert A. Shoff
Clifford H. Yorks

Chester County
Judicial District 15
John R. Blackburn, Jr.
Donald C. Brown
John F. Catanese*
C. Burtis Coxe
Mitchell G. Crane
Eugene J. DiFilippo, Jr.
Maureen F. Fitzpatrick
Earl M. Heald
Carl W. Henry
John T. Jeffers
Paul L. Johnson
Robert G. Mull
Armand A. Pomante
Stanley Scott
Susann E. Welsh

*Resignation—4-15-85

Clarion County
Judicial District 18
Virginia C. Dibble
Daniel P. George
Alta L. Hamilton
Norman E. Heasley

Clearfield County
Judicial District 46
William M. Daisher
Wesley J. Read
Michael A. Rudella
Robert E. Vogle

Clinton County
Judicial District 25
Kevin R. Dwyer
C. David Gilmore
Carl R. Hamberger

Columbia County
Judicial District 26
William L. Breech
Donna J. Coombe
Delbert L. Pennypacker
Nickolas B. Piazza

Crawford County
Judicial District 30
Wendell A. Bennett*
Ronald A. Cole, Sr.
Maurice L. Dickson**
George W. Herzberger, III
Robert J. Leonhart
Robert D. McCandless
Estelle S. Reisner
Hubert E. Vogan

*Death in Service—12-2-84
**Resignation—4-8-85

Cumberland County
Judicial District 9
Edward J. Carl
Esther M. Cohick
Donald W. Daihl
Robert B. Failor
Glenn R. Farner
Terry L. Keller
Ronald E. Klair
Meade G. Lyons

Dauphin County
Judicial District 12
Lawrence E. Alvord
Mary E. Cross
Paul H. Hardy
William G. Heckman
Samuel J. Magaro
William P. Rathfon
Steven M. Semic
Joseph S. Solomon
Michael A. Stewart
Marlin E. Strohm
Edward R. Williams
George A. Zozos

Delaware County
Judicial District 32
Garland W. Anderson
Michael P. Ballezzi
Albert J. Berardocco
William L. Brown, Jr.
Robert W. Burton
Michael G. Cullen
Joseph L. Di Pietro
William J. Dittert, Jr.
Paul Ewaka
Vincent D. Gallagher, Jr.
Joseph V. Gessler
Thomas J. Lacey
Dewey Larosa
Gerald C. Liberace
Gregory M. Mallon
Leon J. Mascaro
C. Walter McCray, Jr.
Leonard M. McDevitt
Carl J. Melone*
Kenneth N. Miller
Francis J. Murnaghan
Clarence B. Nesbitt, Jr.
Charles G. Nistico
George W. Paige
John J. Perfetti
Nicholas Sellers
Robert M. Shaffer
Henry J. Silva
Peter P. Tozer
Anthony M. Truscello
David T. Videon

*Resignation—2-23-85

Elk County
Judicial District 59
Daniel T. Brahaney
Elizabeth J. Friedl

Erie County
Judicial District 6
Frank Abate, Jr.
Joyce K. Dunn
James J. Dwyer, III
Larry R. Fabrizi
Mary J. Fuller
Rosalind F. Kightlinger
L. Elliott Lefaiver, Sr.*
Carmelita H. Munsch
Peter P. Nakoski, Jr.
Patsy A. Nichols
Kathryn L. Pohl
Robert C. Saxton, Jr.
Charles F. Smith
Ronald E. Stuck
John A. Vendetti
Arthur J. Weindorf
Charles R. Wise

*Resignation—2-28-85

Fayette County
Judicial District 14
Oliver F. Battaglini
Lawrence Blair
Robert W. Breakiron
Jesse J. Cramer
Charles F. Hartz
Colleen G. Rosenberger*
Michael Rubish
Paul Shenal
Anthony A. Shuli
Eugene J. Simon
Rick C. Vernon
Lloyd A. Williams

*Resignation—3-31-85

Forest County
Judicial District 37
Michael L. Fedora
Regis A. Fleming*
Larry K. Meminger

*Resignation—11-8-85

Franklin County
Judicial District 39
James L. Campbell
David E. Hawbaker
Bruce C. Ingels
John R. Ommert
J. William Stover

Fulton County
Judicial District 39
Dorothy S. Brantner
Linda M. Hershey
Carol J. Johnson

Greene County
Judicial District 13
Emil Bertugli
Anne R. Hughes
John C. Watson

Huntingdon County
Judicial District 20
Michael M. Colyer
Daniel S. Davis
James H. Kyper
N. Dale Wakefield

Indiana County
Judicial District 40
Angelo C. Cravotta
Louis J. Nocco
Richard G. Orendorff
Geraldine M. Wilkins

Jefferson County
Judicial District 54
Guy M. Lester
George B. Miller
Bill G. Wescoat

Juniata County
Judicial District 41
Betty G. Gingrich
Marian S. Mertz

Lackawanna County
Judicial District 45
Eugene T. Cadden
George E. Clark, Jr.
Francis P. Eagen, III
Ferdinand A. Grunik
Daniel J. Kelleher
James P. Kennedy
Mary A. McAndrew
John J. Mercuri
Carmen D. Minora
John E. V. Pieski
Michael S. Polizzi
Frank F. Talerico*
Donald A. Yurgosky

*Death in Service—4-5-85

Lancaster County
Judicial District 2
Joseph W. Bledsoe
Gilbert R. Book
James R. Burie
Stella V. Caldwell
James L. Garrett
Harold E. Greiner
Nancy G. Hamill
Robert A. Herman, Jr.
Murray R. Horton
William A. Hull, Jr.
Doris R. James
Arden I. Kopp
John W. Miller
Richard W. Musser
Richard L. Reeser
William G. Reuter
Richard A. Sheetz
Marilyn E. Stoner
Mary F. Wilkinson
Louise B. Williams

Lawrence County
Judicial District 53
Samuel A. Battaglia
Ernest M. Crawford, Jr.
Ruth E. French
Betty Lou Kradel
Robert L. Zedaker

Lebanon County
Judicial District 52
John F. Arnold
Catherine M. Coyle
Lee R. Lehman
Lucy A. Pietsch
Jo Ann Shultz
Betty A. Smith
Mary M. Spannuth

Lehigh County
Judicial District 31
Ralph H. Beck
William H. Burdette
Charles A. Deutsch
Edward E. Hartman
Janice B. Hettinger
Joseph J. Maura
Edward F. Pressmann
Theodore L. Russiano
Marybeth Shankweiler
Joan L. Snyder
James E. Stahl
Charles J. Trinkle
John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr.

Luzerne County
Judicial District 11
Richard P. Adams
Joseph M. Augello
Burton E. Balliet
Andrew Barilla, Jr.
Michael D. Bart
Michael J. Collins
Michael T. Conahan
Patrick L. Cooney
Gerald L. Feissner
Earl S. Gregory
Leonard Harvey*
Bernard J. Hendrzak
John J. Hopkins
Carmen J. Maffei
Robert Marshall
Viola S. Mrochko**
Leonard C. Olzinski
Ronald W. Swank
Edward Verbonitz
Joseph Verespy

*Resignation—10-3-85
**Resignation—7-5-85

Lycoming County
Judicial District 29
Russell M. Lentz
John M. McDermott
Gerald A. McGee
C. Roger McRae
Joseph F. Orso, Jr.
Robert W. Stack

McKean County
Judicial District 48
J. Alden Anderson
David D. Feheley
John D. Geibel
Kenneth M. Jadlowiec
John H. Yoder

Mercer County
Judicial District 35
Francis W. Brown
William M. Coleman
Joseph V. Gabany
George E. McCandless
Frank J. Tamber

Mifflin County
Judicial District 58
Barbara A. Clare
Rick A. Williams

Monroe County
Judicial District 43
Glenn A. Borger
Dale A. Keenhold
Henry McCool
Clara Pope
Eleanor K. Randolph
Emanuel Scavone
Thomas R. Shiffer, Jr.
Marjorie J. Shumaker

Montgomery County
Judicial District 38
Elaine J. Adams
Charles A. Dasch
George R. Eastburn, Jr.
Richard E. Evans
Walter F. Gadzicki, Jr.
James B. Hunter
Robert L. Kulp
Francis J. Lawrence
Henry M. Liss
Bernard J. Maher
Albert T. Maynard, Jr.
Nancy W. Moore
Gloria M. Morgan
John S. Murray, III
Grant Musselman
Kenneth C. Nonnenman
Leroy S. Oelschlager
M. William Peterson
William W. Reed
Michael C. Richman
Donald O. Riehl
Carroll A. Rosenberger
John T. Sachaczenski
Robert A. Saraceni
Henry J. Schireson
James W. Speers
Caroline C. Stine

Montour County
Judicial District 26
Robert B. Geiger

Northampton County
Judicial District 3
Walter F. Auch, Jr.
Adrianne L. Ford
John Gombosi
William B. Griffith
Sherwood R. Grigg
Michael J. Koury
Samuel L. Kulp*
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Pat J. Maragulia
Stephen J. Marcincin
Dennis J. Monaghan
Elizabeth A. Romig
James F. Stocklas
Harold R. Weaver, Jr.

*Resignation—6-14-85

Northumberland County
Judicial District 8
Wade J. Brown
William F. Kear
Michael F. Mychak
Wilbur L. Reddinger, Sr.

Perry County
Judicial District 41
Jane R. Dyar
Donald F. Howell
Howard R. Maguire

Pike County
Judicial District 60
Dore N. James
Carolyn H. Purdue
Gudrun K. Quinn

Potter County
Judicial District 55
Jeanne M. Cole
Edward L. Easton
Donna J. Fetzer
Katherine G. Garrote

Schuylkill County
Judicial District 21
Robert T. Brennan*
Bernard Brutto
Suzanne M. Lobichusky
Elizabeth M. Lurwick
Earl H. Matz, Jr.
Charles V. Moran
Bernadette J. Nahas
Lester M. Reber
Norman H. Richards
Dwight M. Stine
Catherine E. Thompson

*Resignation—12-29-85

Snyder County
Judicial District 17
Harley M. Parker
William C. Saylor

Somerset County
Judicial District 16
Jon A. Barkman
Frances L. Cornish
Robert M. Philson
William H. Roush
Melvin M. Wilson

Sullivan County
Judicial District 44
Milo D. Clinton
Francis M. McCarty

Susquehanna County
Judicial District 34
Barbara A. Obelenus
Kenneth W. Seamans
Marjory A. Wheaton

Tioga County
Judicial District 4
William A. Buckingham
William G. Farrell
Eleanor Trask

Union County
Judicial District 17
Leo S. Armbruster
William D. Yohn

Venango County
Judicial District 28
Robert E. Billingsley
Mary E. Nosko
Charles R. Thurau
Walter S. Turk

Warren County
Judicial District 37
Allan D. Carlett
Suzanne M. Hodges
Dalton E. Hunter, Sr.
Judy C. Lobdell
Ruth J. Mills

Washington County
Judicial District 27
James N. Brady
Lawrence P. Celaschi
June B. Lilley
Walter A. Mark
Richard L. Martin
Henry Mavrich
Thomas McGraw
Stephen J. Morgo
Paul M. Pozonsky
Louis I. Quail
Joseph P. Reichel
J. Albert Spence
Marjorie L. Teagarden
Daryl A. Zeaman

Wayne County
Judicial District 22
Edward H. Dix
Margaret C. Farley
Dorothy C. Laabs
Bonnie P. Lewis

Westmoreland County
Judicial District 10
Jeane C. Anderson
Anthony Angelo

John F. Billy
Buddy P. Cipolla
Frank Del Bene, Jr.
Lois L. Diehl
Lawrence J. Franzi
Michael P. Giannini
William S. Guido
Donald C. Japalucci
Ernest M. Johnson
J. Bruce King
Michael R. Mahady
James H. Mann Jr.*
Terry R. Marolt
Bernice A. McCutcheon
Martha Medich
Shirley A. Miller
Michael G. Moschetti
Robert E. Scott
Margaret I. Tlumac
Raymond E. Tubbs

*Resignation—12-19-84

Wyoming County
Judicial District 44
Leo P. Conway Jr.
Marion J. Robinson
Patricia A. Robinson

York County
Judicial District 19
Jack H. Barton
Mildred G. Becker
Paul M. Diehl, Jr.
Harold C. Dixon
Roger A. Estep
Margaret L. Klinedinst
Virginia I. Klinefelter
Roy L. Lam
Lois J. Mundorff
James W. Reedy
Donald G. Rode
Curtis C. Sponseller
Quentin R. Stambaugh
Chester D. Thomas, Jr.
James G. Wallace
Paul A. Walters

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Adams County
Donald G. Weaver

Allegheny County
Domenic Frasca
John H. Salton
Olive S. Stocker
Raymond C. Thomas

Berks County
John A. Bender
Stephen G. Wanner

Bucks County
Chris G. Ritter

Carbon County
Andrew Moisey

Centre County
Louise O. Green

Cumberland County
Chester H. Brymesser

Fulton County
Don C. Knepper

Lackawanna County
Donald Andrews

Lancaster County
Edward A. Hermesky
Peter S. Schweich

Lawrence County
Howard B. Hanna

Lehigh County
Wilbur K. Gilbert
Richard J. Levan
George H. Schadler
Richard C. Snyder

Montgomery County
Everett P. Arnold
Donald B. McIntyre
Sherwood F. Zepp

Northampton County
Elmo L. Frey, Sr.
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Schuylkill County
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Washington County
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Butler	Bette M. McAnany
Cambria	Robert Allison
Carbon	Betty Ann Rader
Centre	Lawrence C. Bickford
Chester	Jeffery Huss, Sr.
Clarion	Emma Lou Carrier
Clearfield	Raymond L. Billotte
Clinton	Barbara L. Emery
Crawford	Imagene Yetman
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Delaware	Dennis Metrick, Ph.D.
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Greene	Wanda B. Smith
Huntingdon	Alexa R. Fultz
Indiana	Linda K. Peck
Jefferson	Norma R. Brown
Juniata/Perry	Donna M. Jones
Lackawanna	William J. Murray
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Luzerne	Andrew J. Mihalko, Jr.
Lycoming	Raymond A. Holland
McKean	Mark A. Caldwell
Mercer	Michael M. Webster
Mifflin	Helen Montgomery
Monroe	Frank J. Forrie, Jr.
Montgomery	Cornelius G. Sullivan
Northampton	A.V. Marhefka
Northumberland	Bruce Shoemaker
Philadelphia	Honorable Harry A. Takiff
Pike	Colleen Kellam
Potter	Bertha M. Downs
Schuylkill	Frank G. Johns
Snyder	Robert H. Shipman
Somerset	Howard H. Trexel
Susquehanna	Barbara W. Rydzewski
Tioga	Carl L. Matteson
Union	Bertha Boyer
Venango	Carol E. Hutchinson
Washington	Mary Jacqueline Drewitz, Esq.
Wayne	Vincent A. Scamell
Westmoreland	Dennis A. Joyner
York	Russell A. Myers

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County	Name
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Beaver	Joseph Cabraja
Berks	Frank D. Shurr
Blair	Michael D. Reighard
Bradford	Mary Lou Dunn
Bucks	Thomas G. Wiley
Butler	Mrs. Bette M. McAnany
Cambria	S. R. DiFrancesco, Jr., Esq.
Cameron/Elk	Martha Keller Masson
Carbon	Alberta M. Boyle
Centre	Lawrence C. Bickford
Chester	Kathy Cox
Clinton	Barbara L. Emery
Columbia/Montour	Frederick T. Trump
Cumberland	Ronald E. Johnson
Dauphin	Roger B. Williamson
Delaware	Donald S. Guthrie
Erie	Richard D. Agresti, Esq.
Fayette	Eleanor V. Sementa
Franklin/Fulton	William A. Sheaffer
Greene	Wanda B. Smith
Huntingdon	Alexa R. Fultz
Indiana	John S. Simpson
Jefferson	Norma R. Brown
Juniata/Perry	Donna M. Jones
Lackawanna	James Powell
Lancaster	Thomas N. Weaver
Lawrence	Micheline R. Pagley
Lebanon	Edward J. Rutter
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County	Judicial District
Adams	51
Allegheny	05
Armstrong	33
Beaver	36
Bedford	57
Berks	23
Blair	24
Bradford	42
Bucks	07
Butler	50
Cambria	47
Cameron-Elk	59
Carbon	56
Centre	49
Chester	15
Clarion	18
Clearfield	46
Clinton	25
Columbia-Montour	26
Crawford	30
Cumberland	09
Dauphin	12
Delaware	32
Erie	06
Fayette	14
Forest-Warren	37
Franklin-Fulton	39
Greene	13
Huntingdon	20
Indiana	40
Jefferson	54
Juniata-Perry	41
Lackawanna	45
Lancaster	02
Lawrence	53
Lebanon	52
Lehigh	31
Luzerne	11
Lycoming	29
McKean	48
Mercer	35
Mifflin	58
Monroe	43
Montgomery	38
Northampton	03
Northumberland	08
Philadelphia	01
Pike	60
Potter	55
Schuylkill	21
Snyder-Union	17
Somerset	16
Sullivan-Wyoming	44
Susquehanna	34
Tioga	04
Venango	28
Washington	27
Wayne	22
Westmoreland	10
York	19

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